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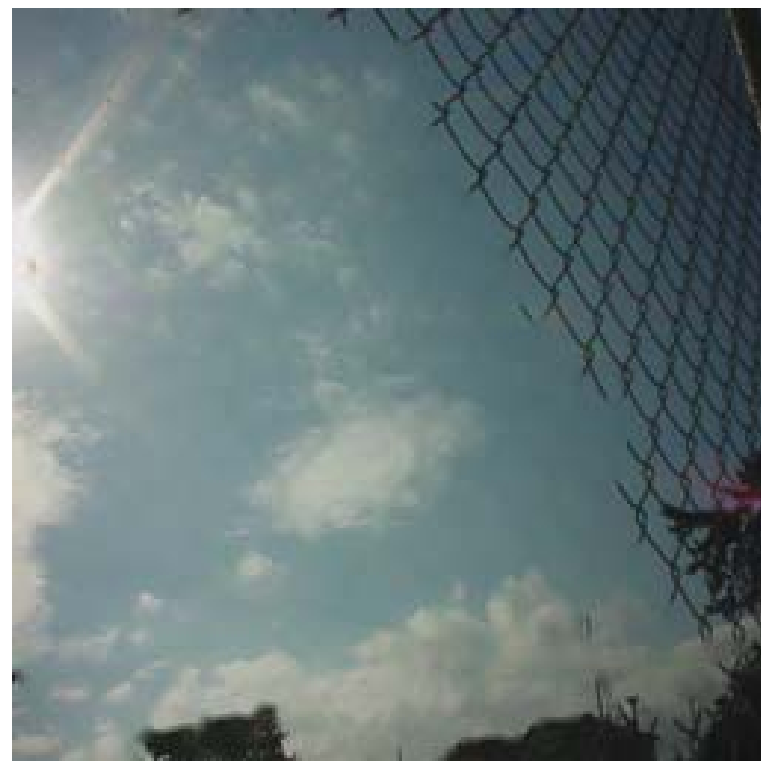
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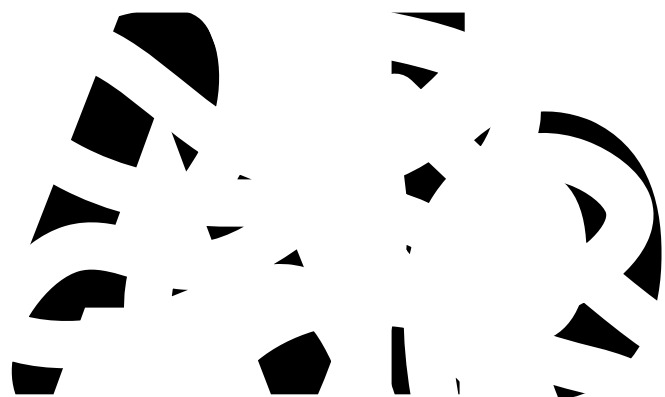
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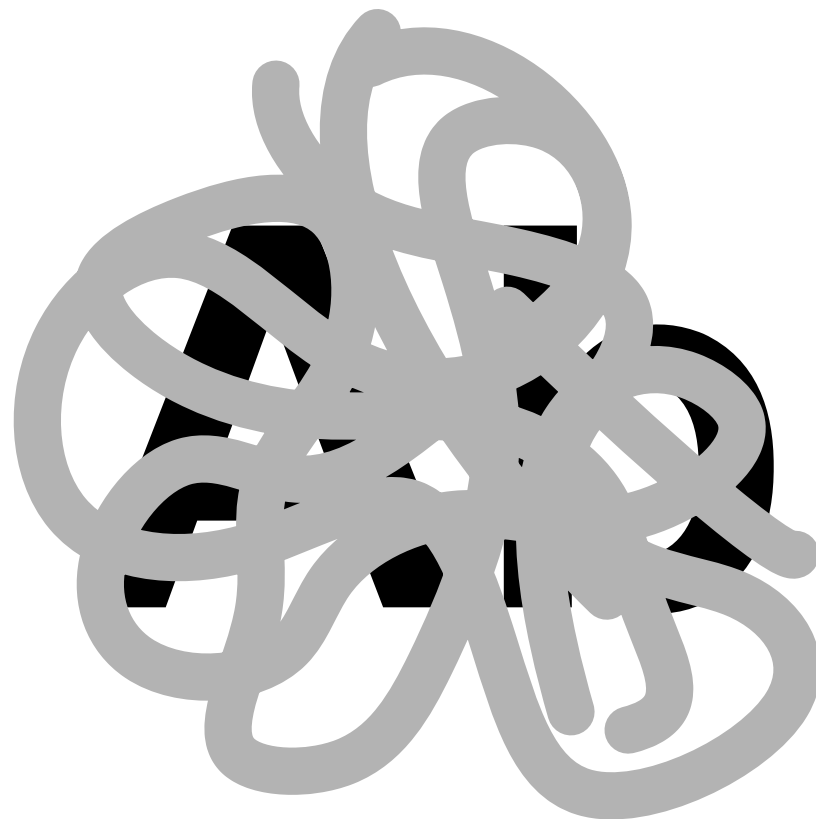




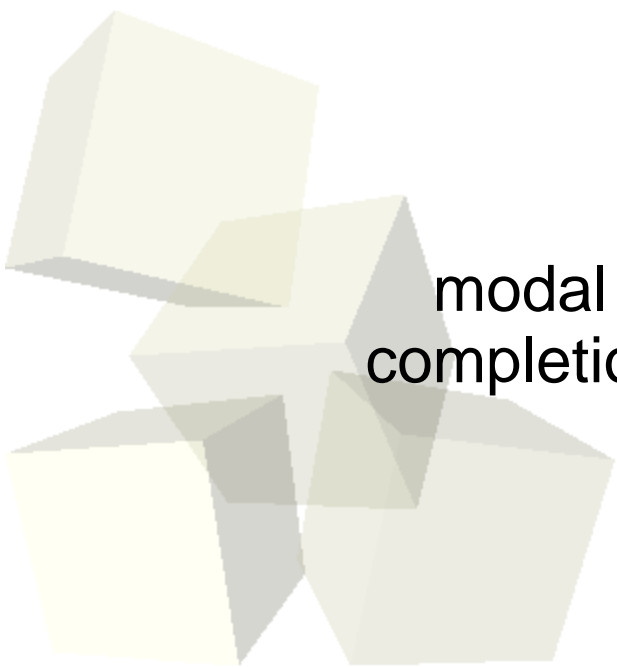
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modal
completion



amodal
completion





amodal completion in real scenes





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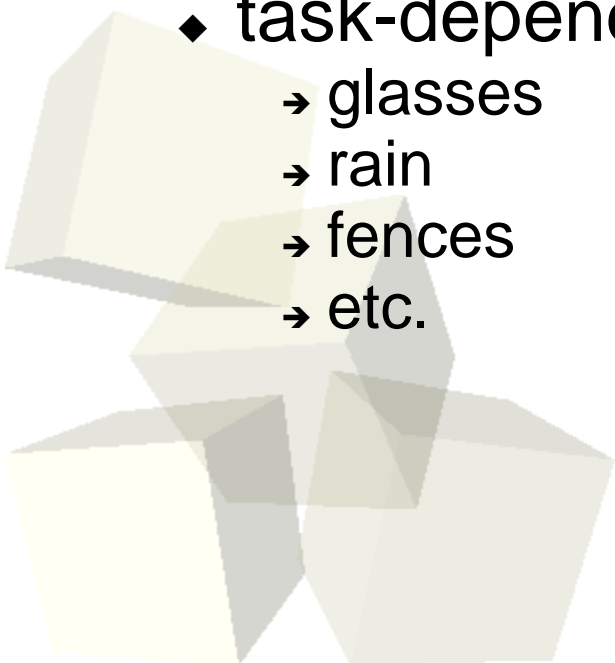
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■ Related Researches

- ◆ task-depend object detection
 - glasses
 - rain
 - fences
 - etc.





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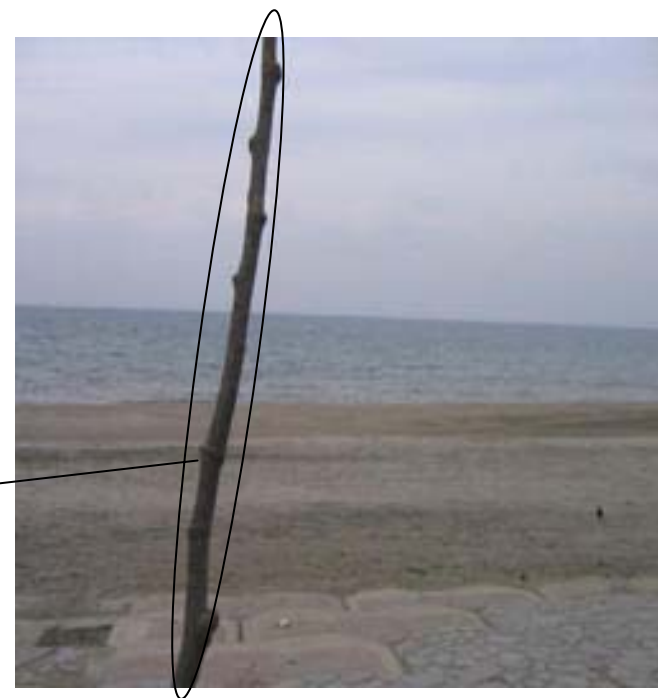
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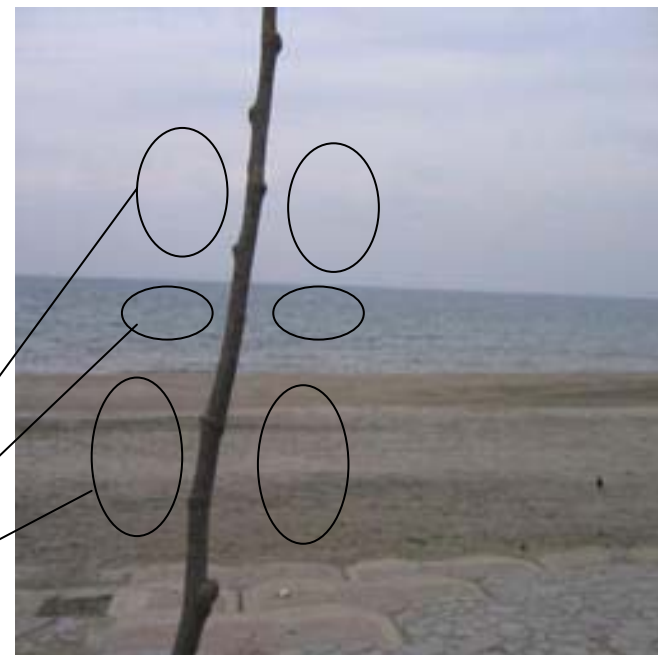
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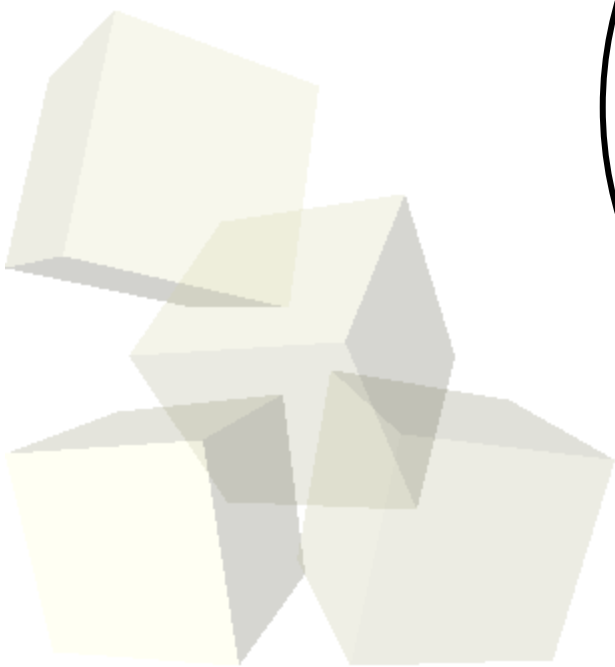
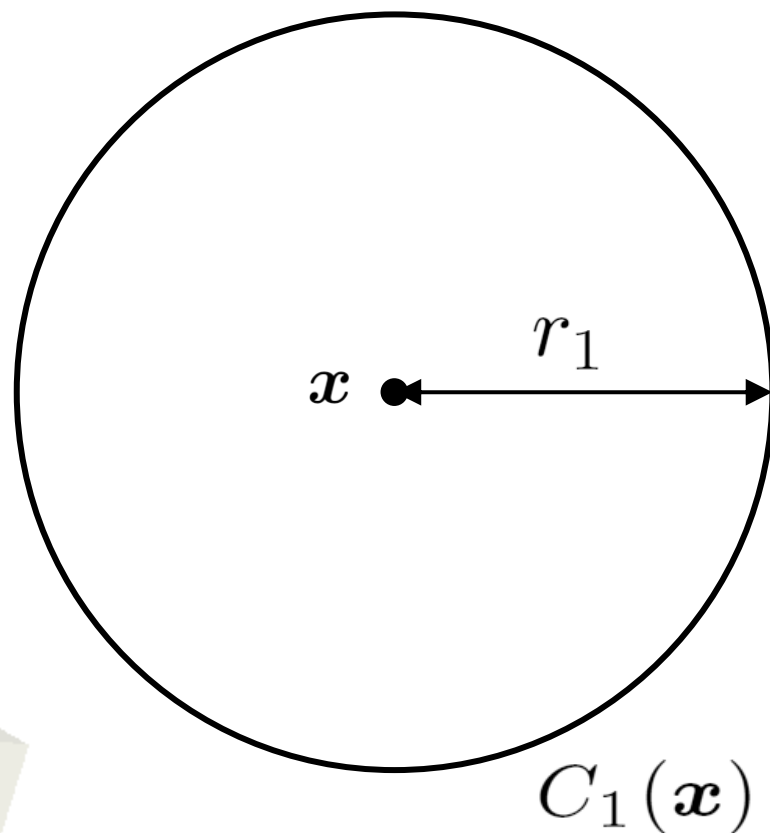
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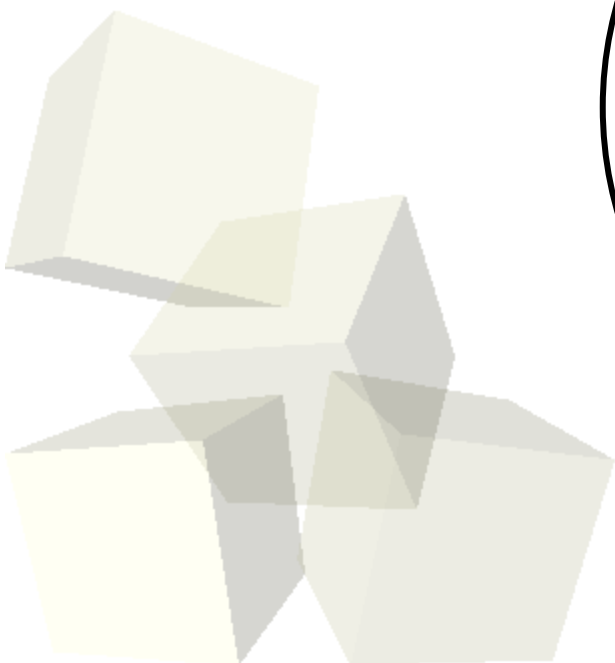
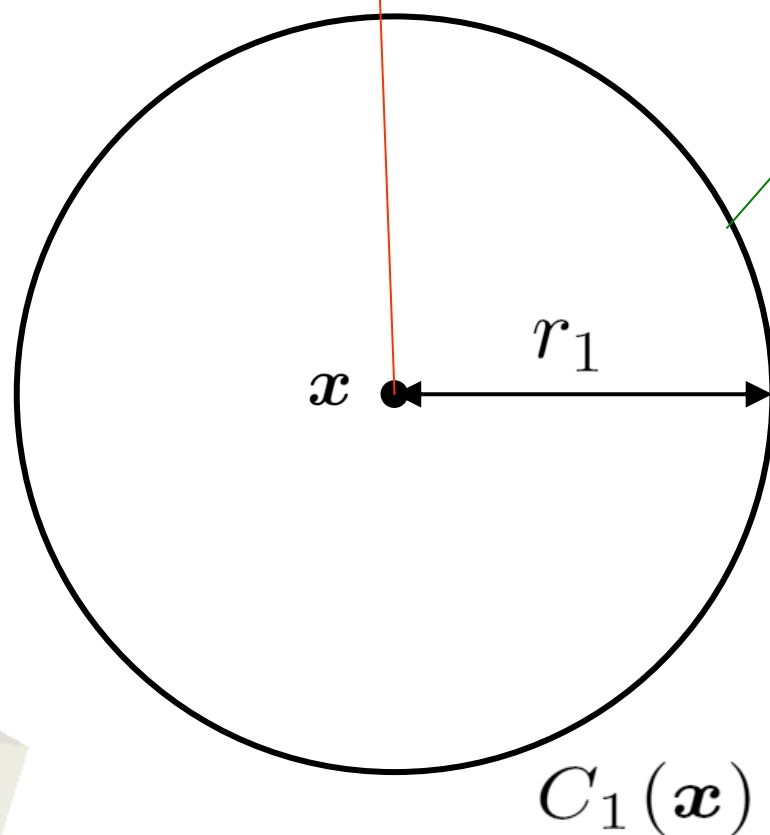
Circle Contrast :
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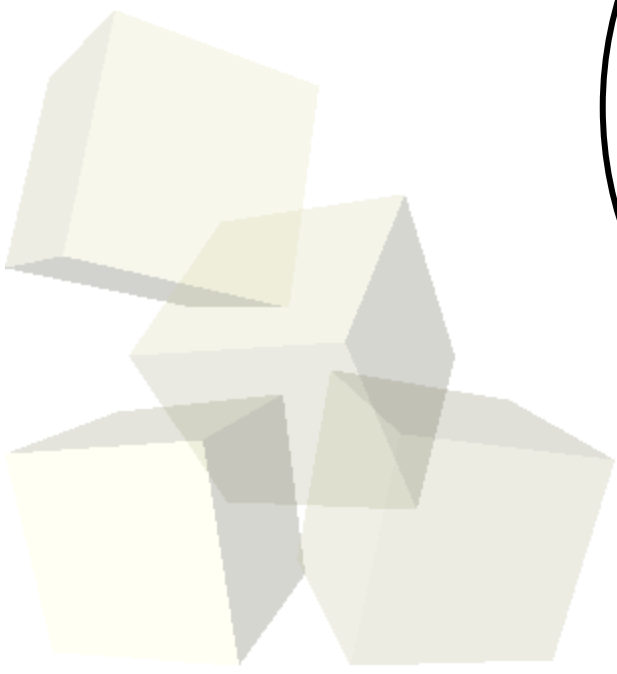
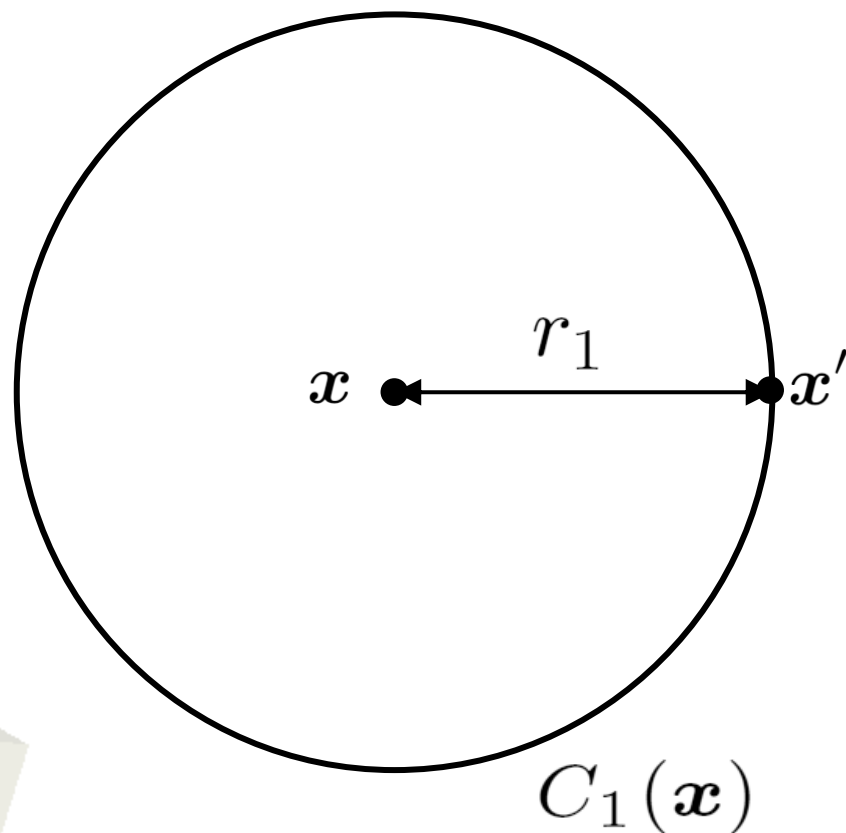
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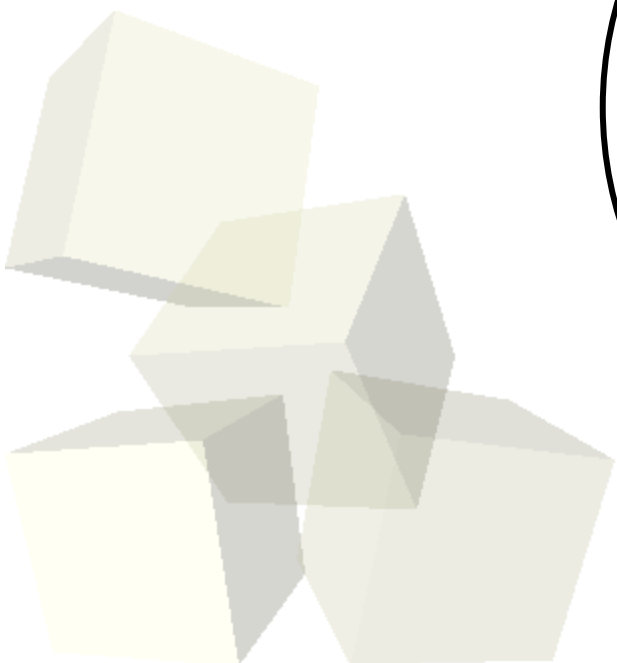
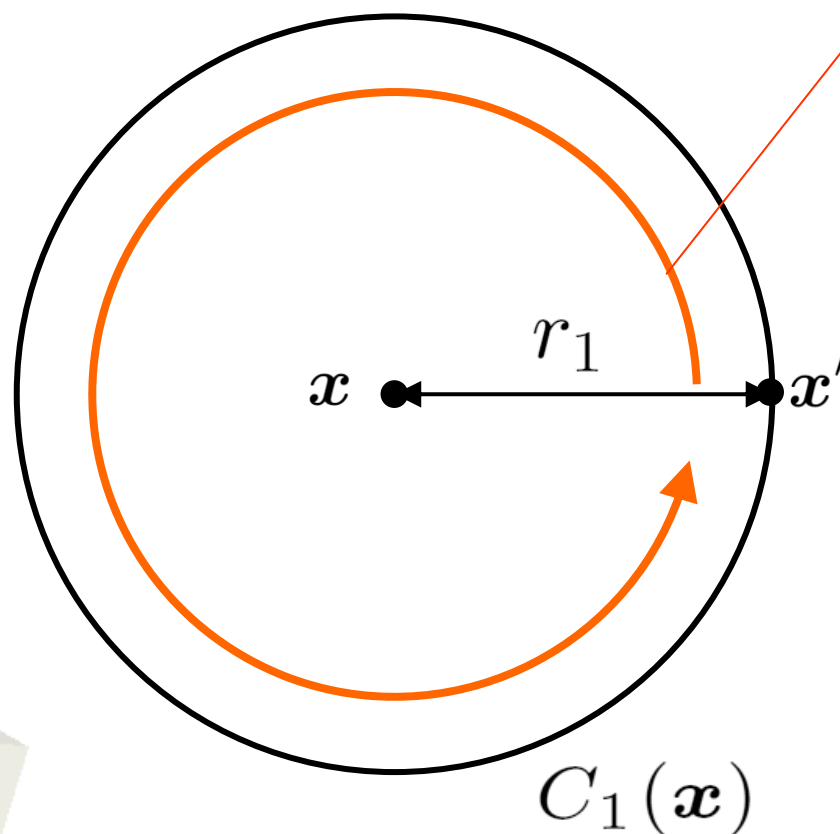
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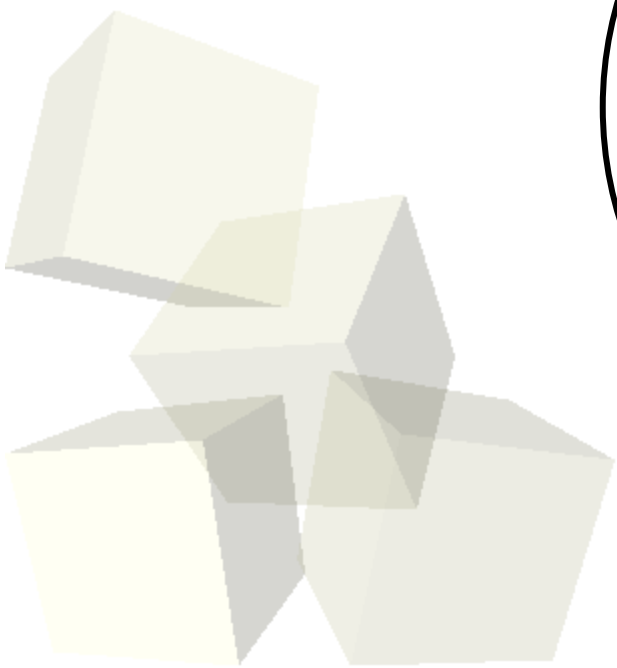
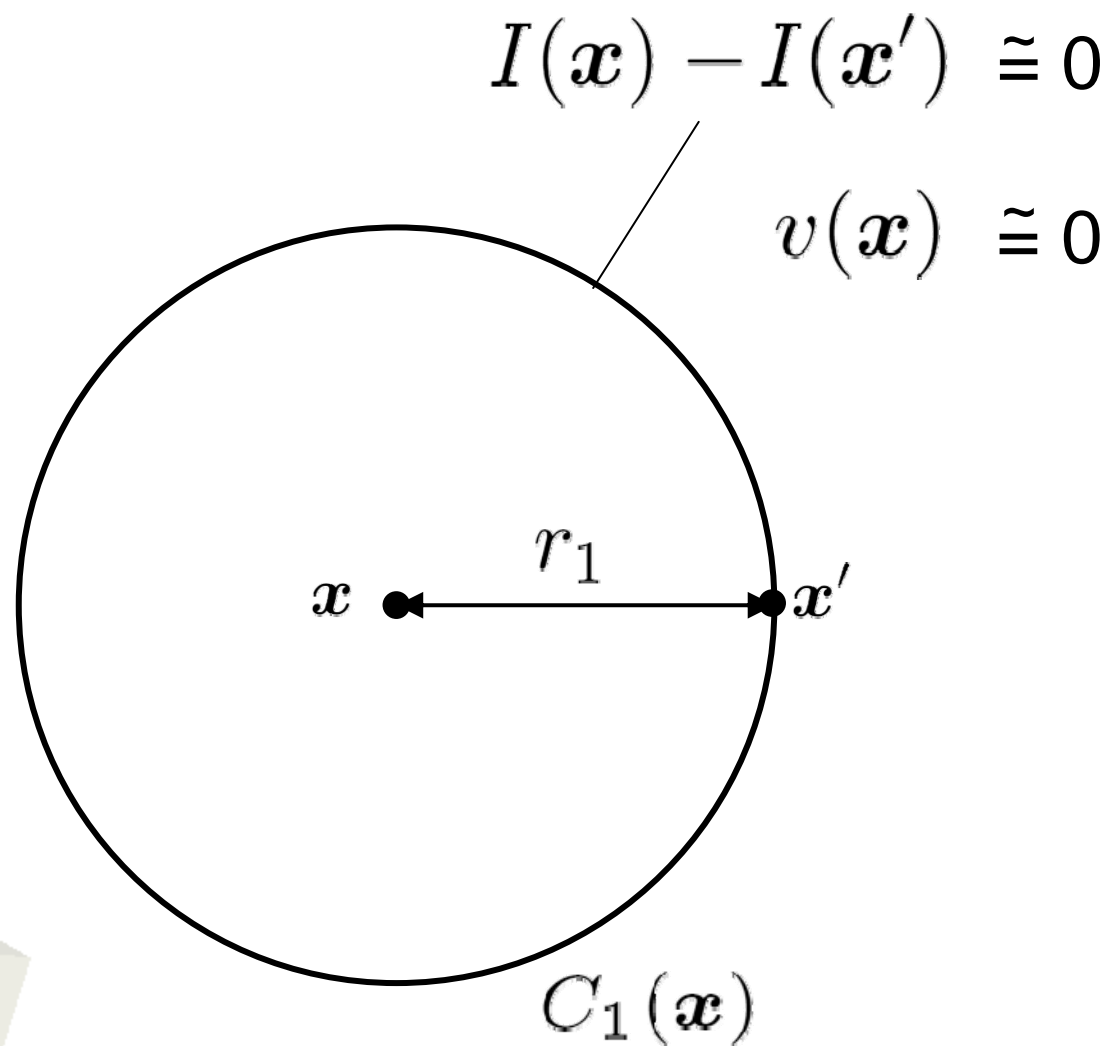
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Circle Contrast in a flat region



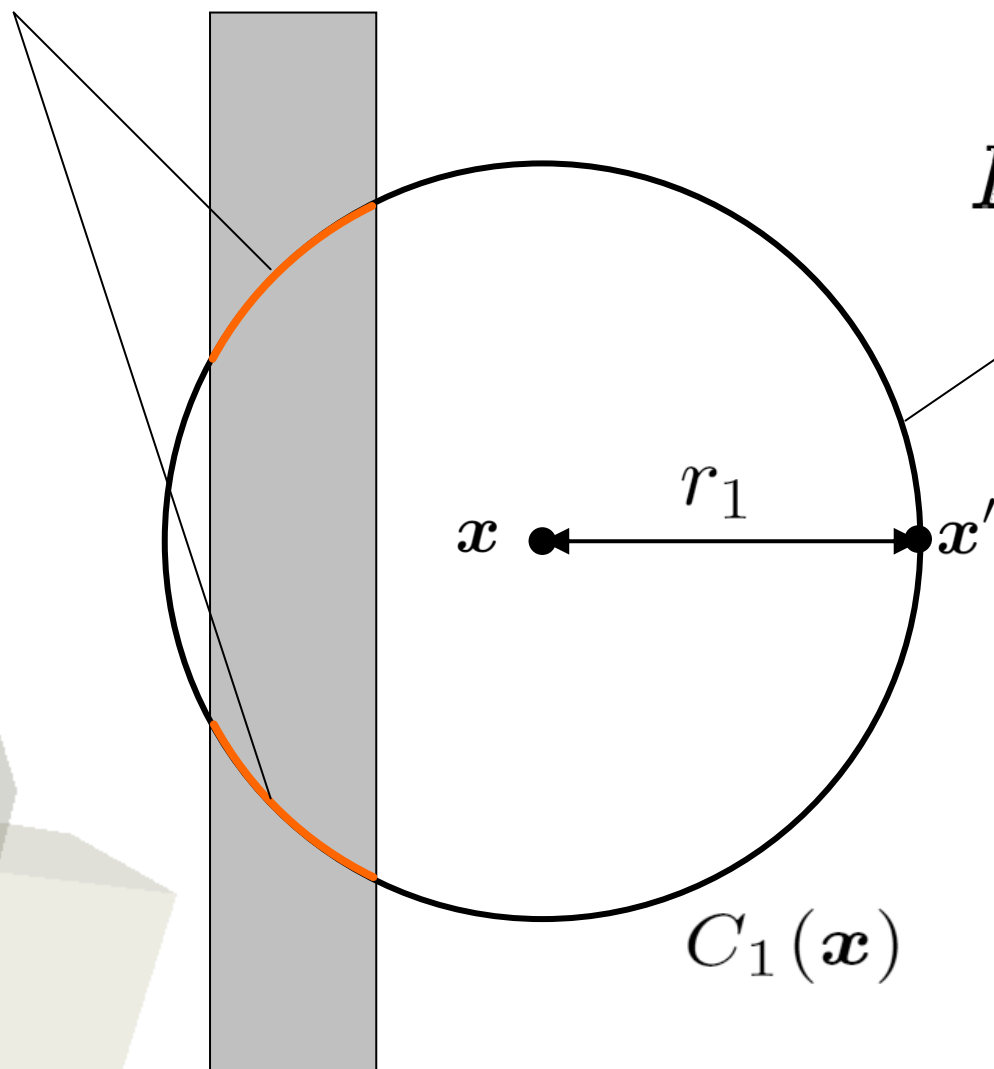


Circle Contrast at side of a string

$$v(x) \neq 0, \text{ but small}$$

$$I(x) - I(x') \neq 0$$

$$I(x) - I(x') = 0$$

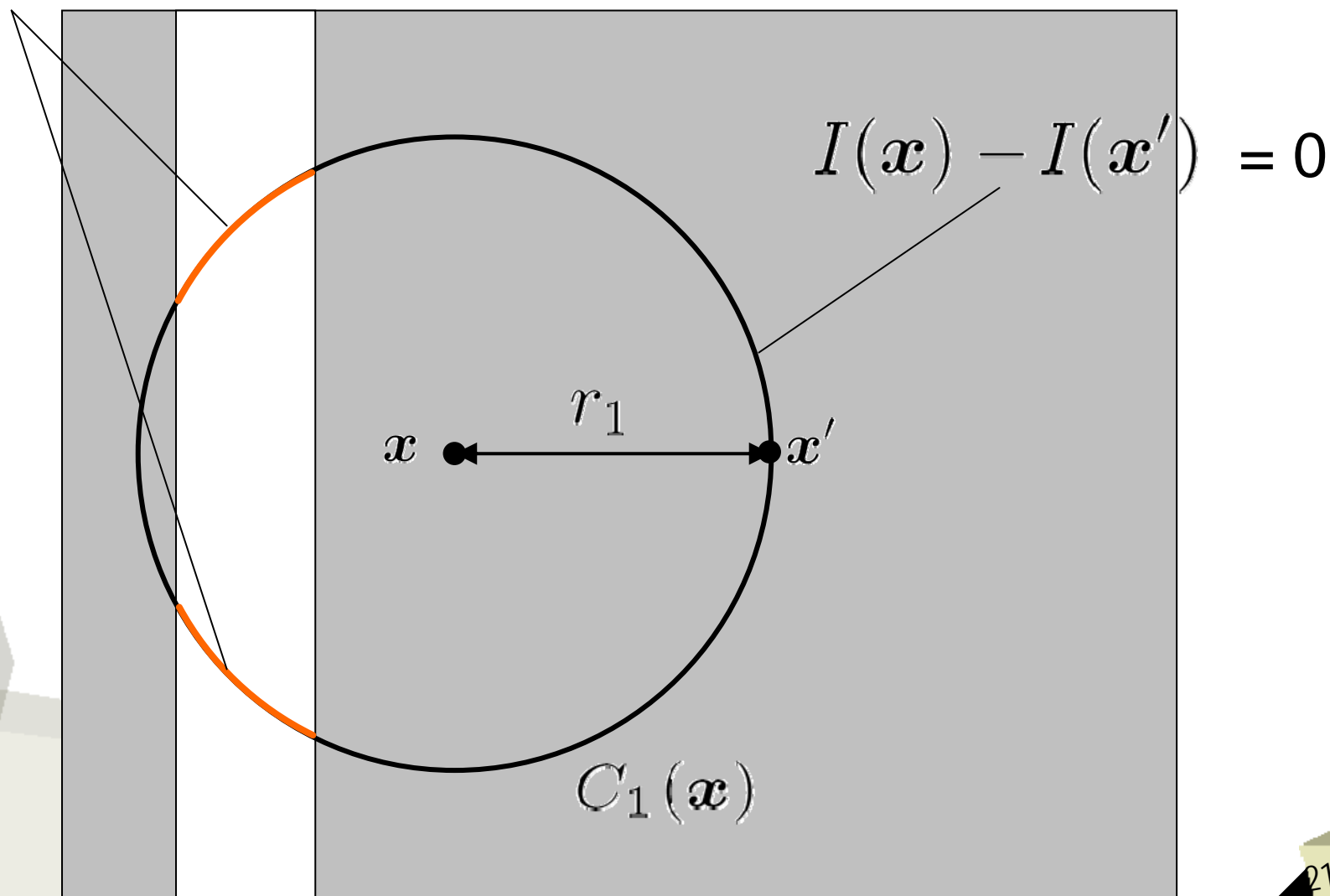




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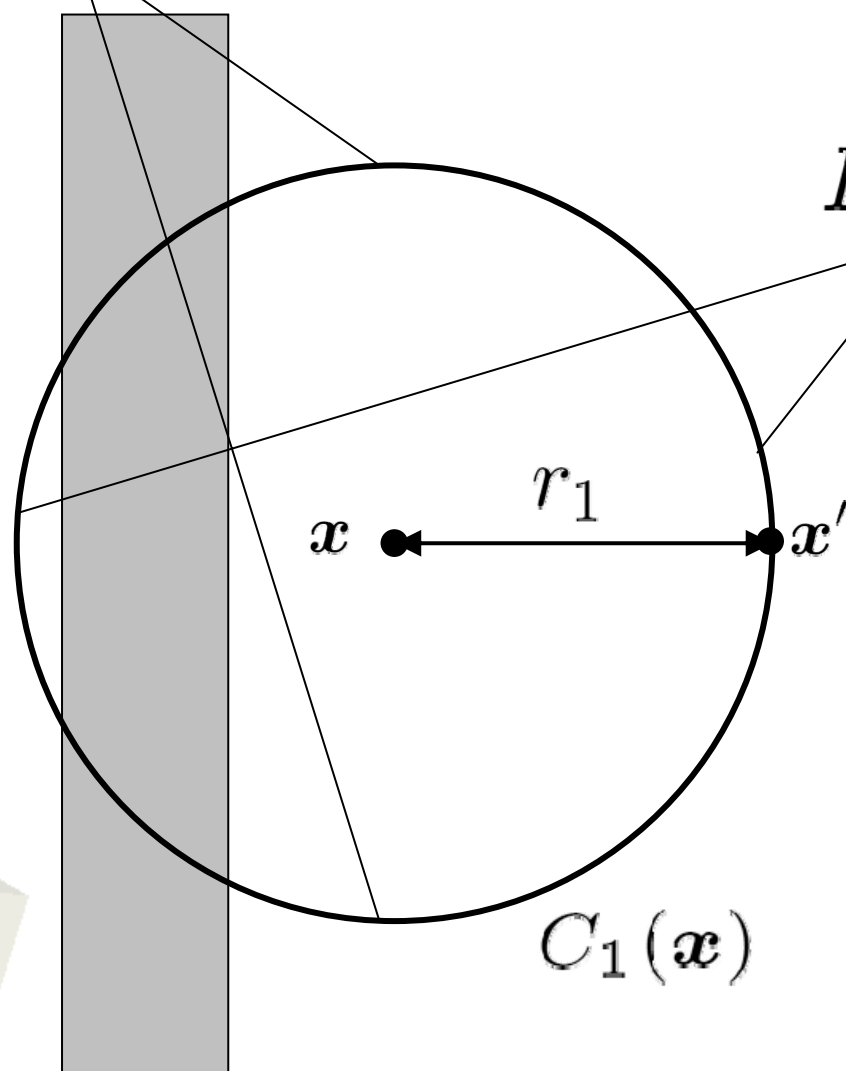




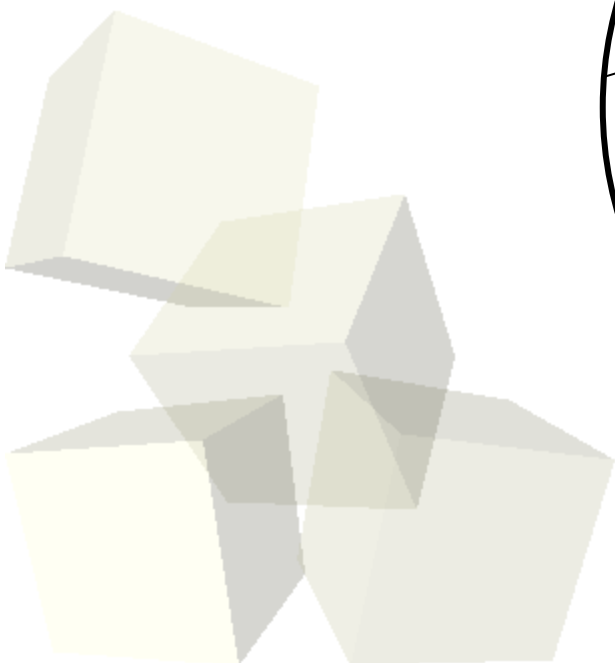
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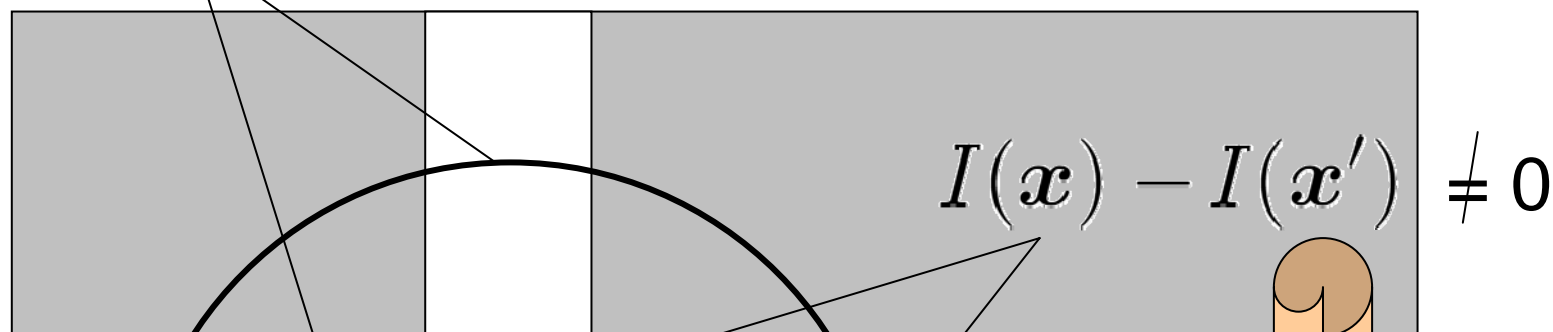




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A point x where is

- far from the region:
- near to the region:
- on the region:

$$v(x)$$

$$0$$

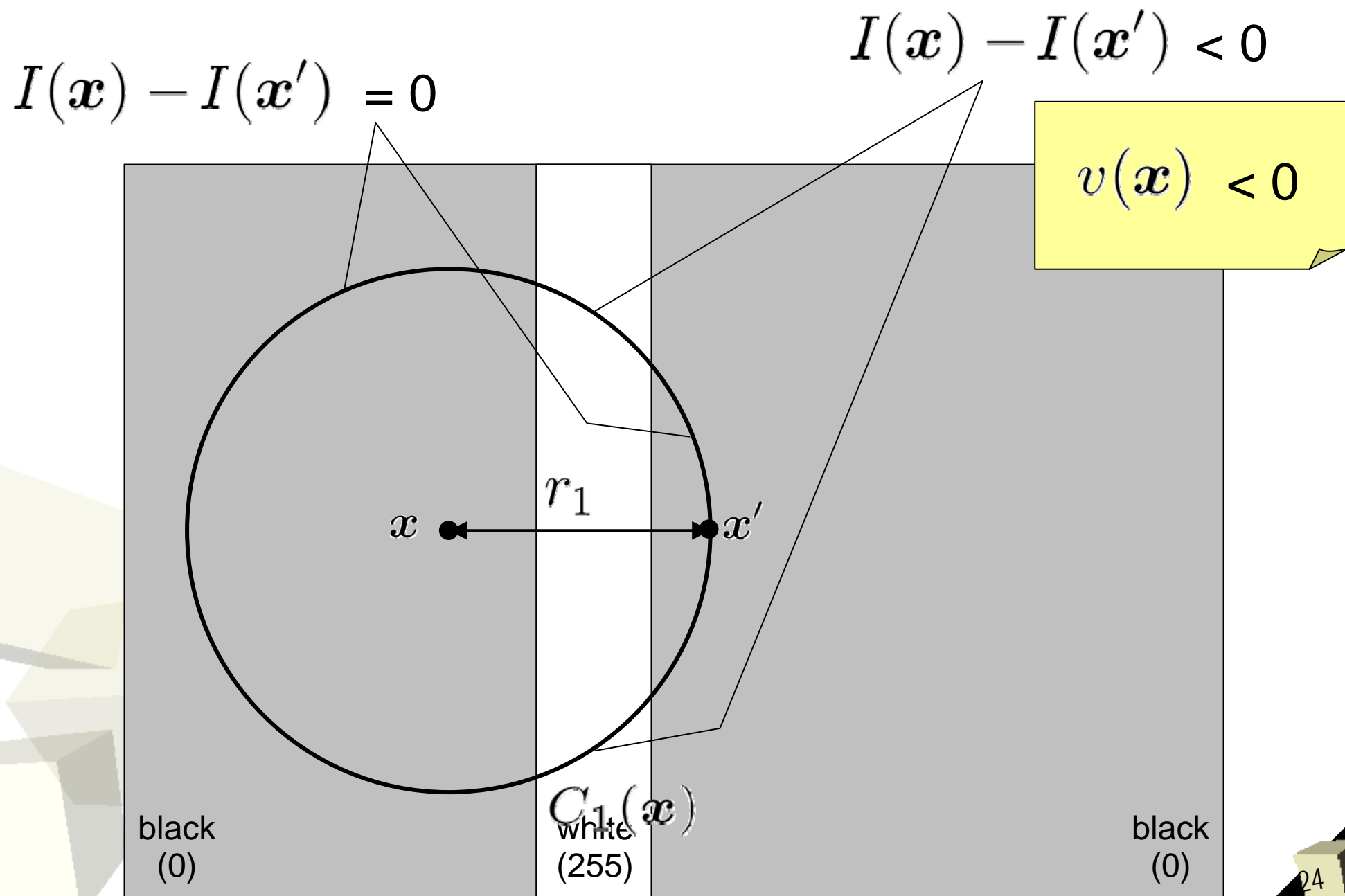
not 0, but small

not 0, but large

$$C_1(x)$$

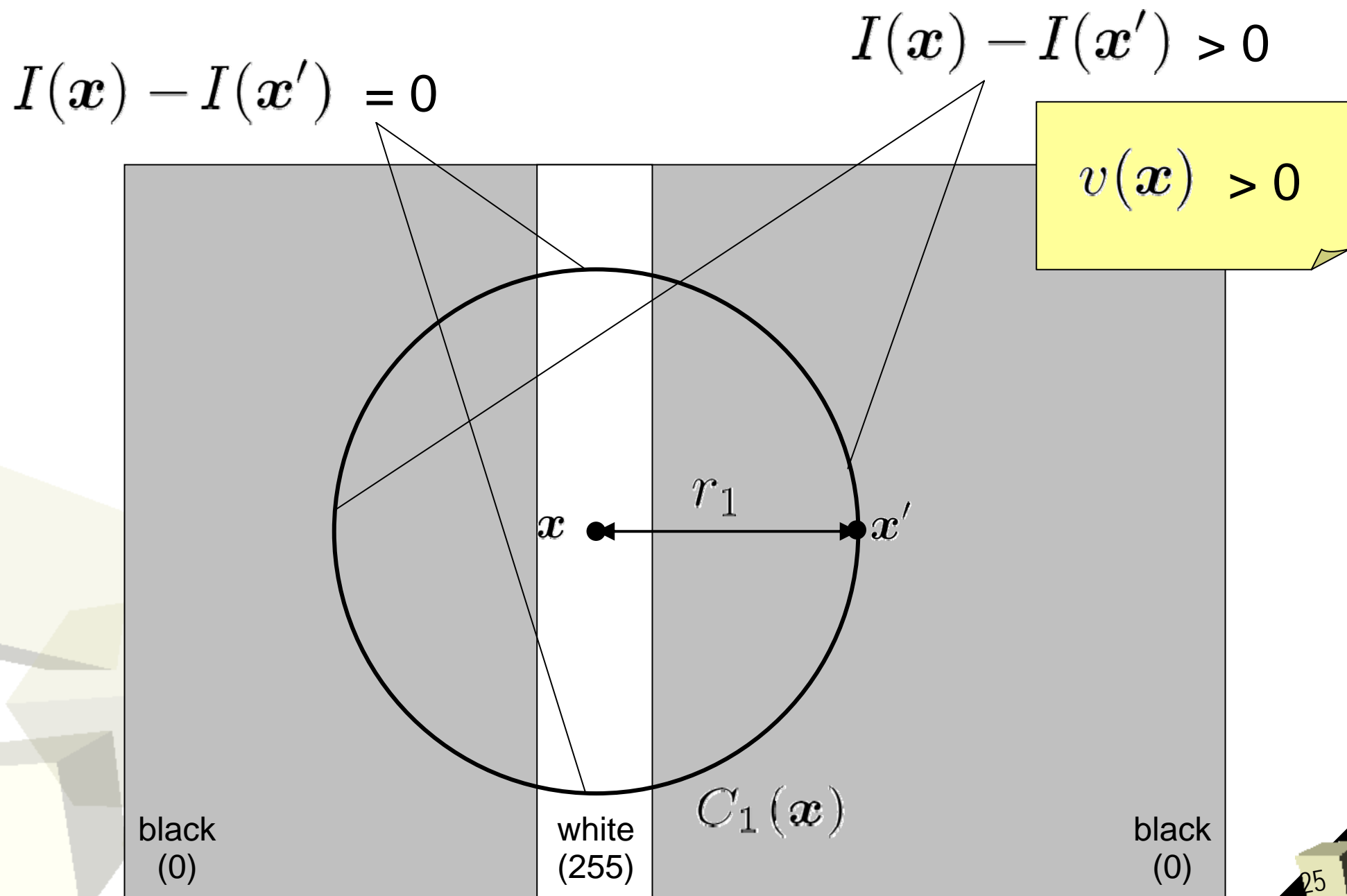


Circle Contrast across the string



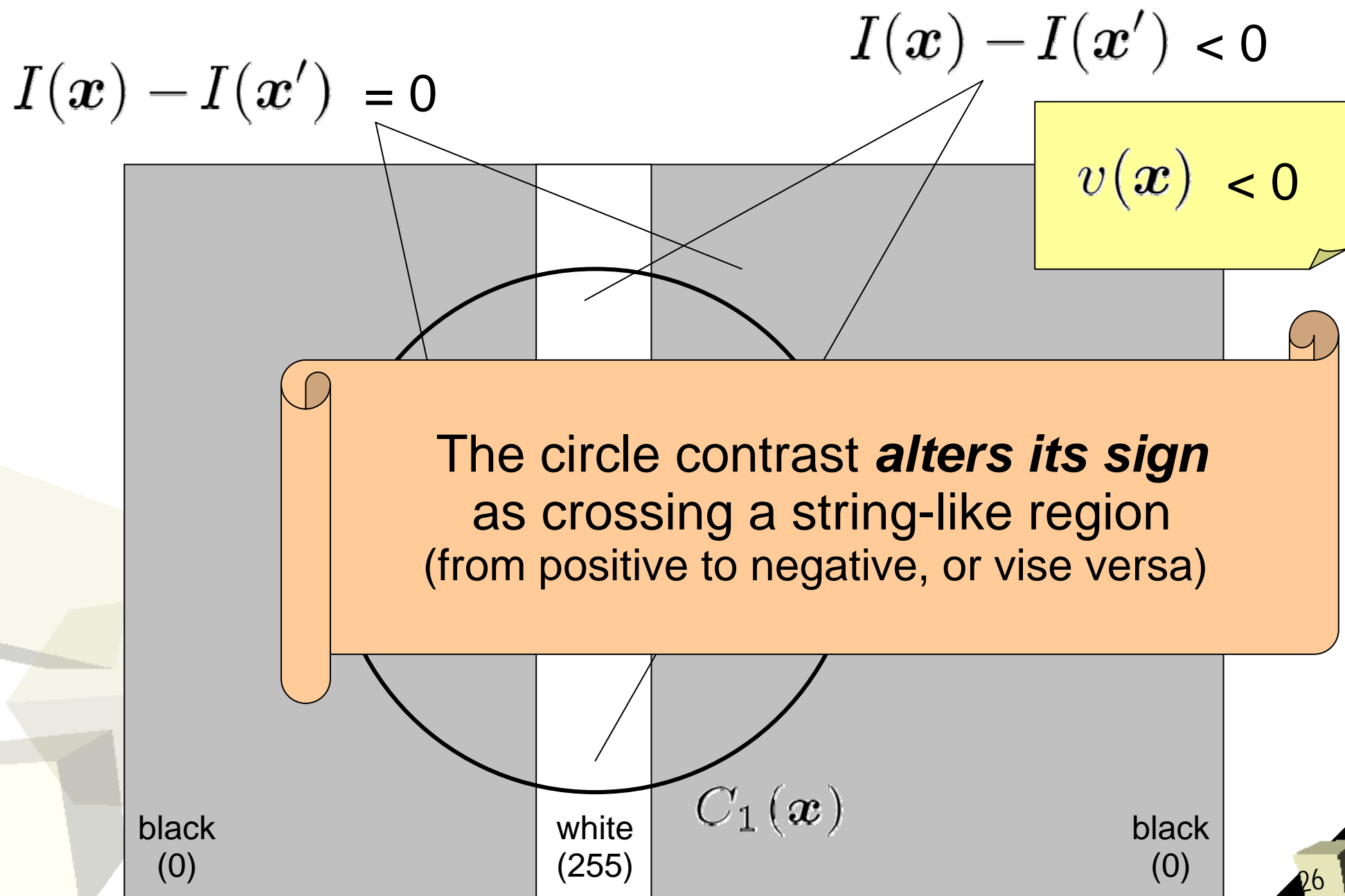


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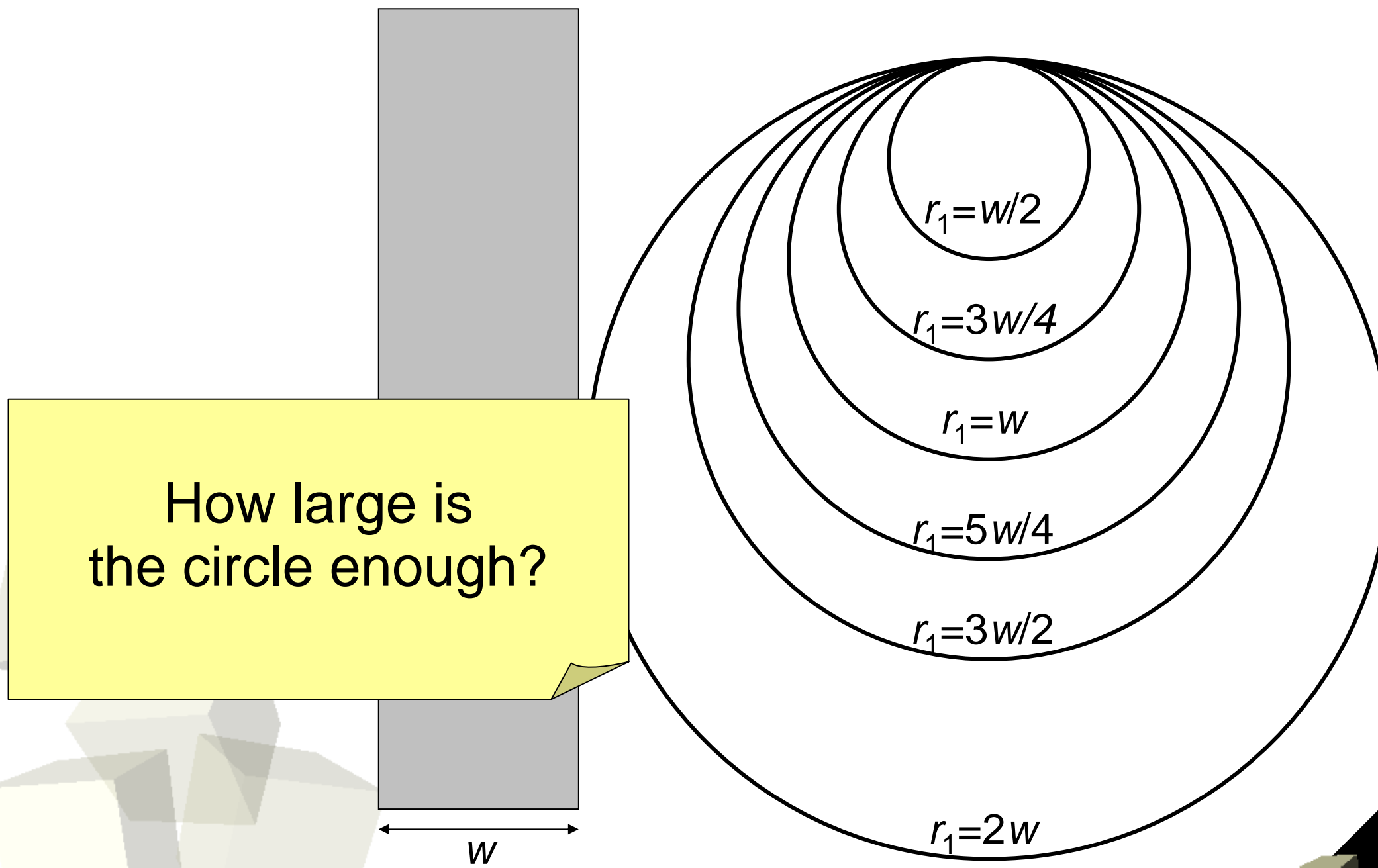


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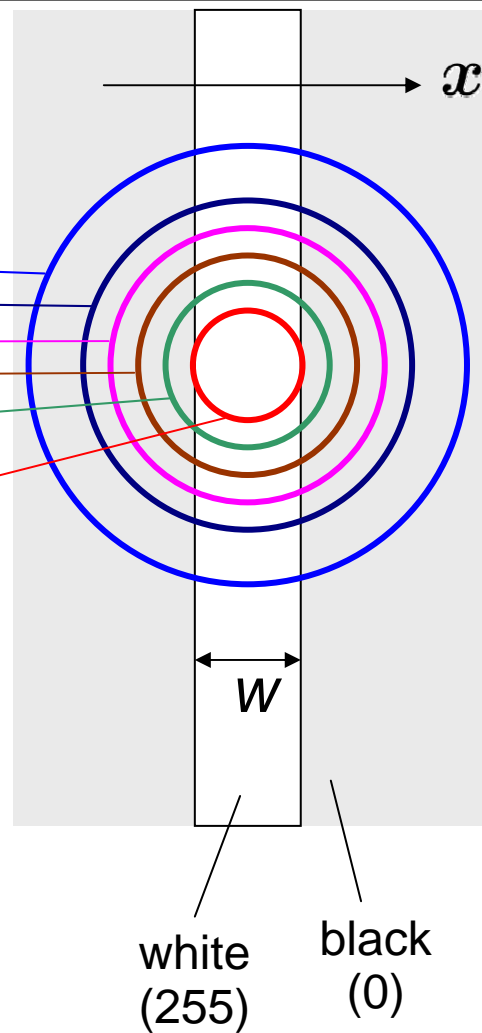
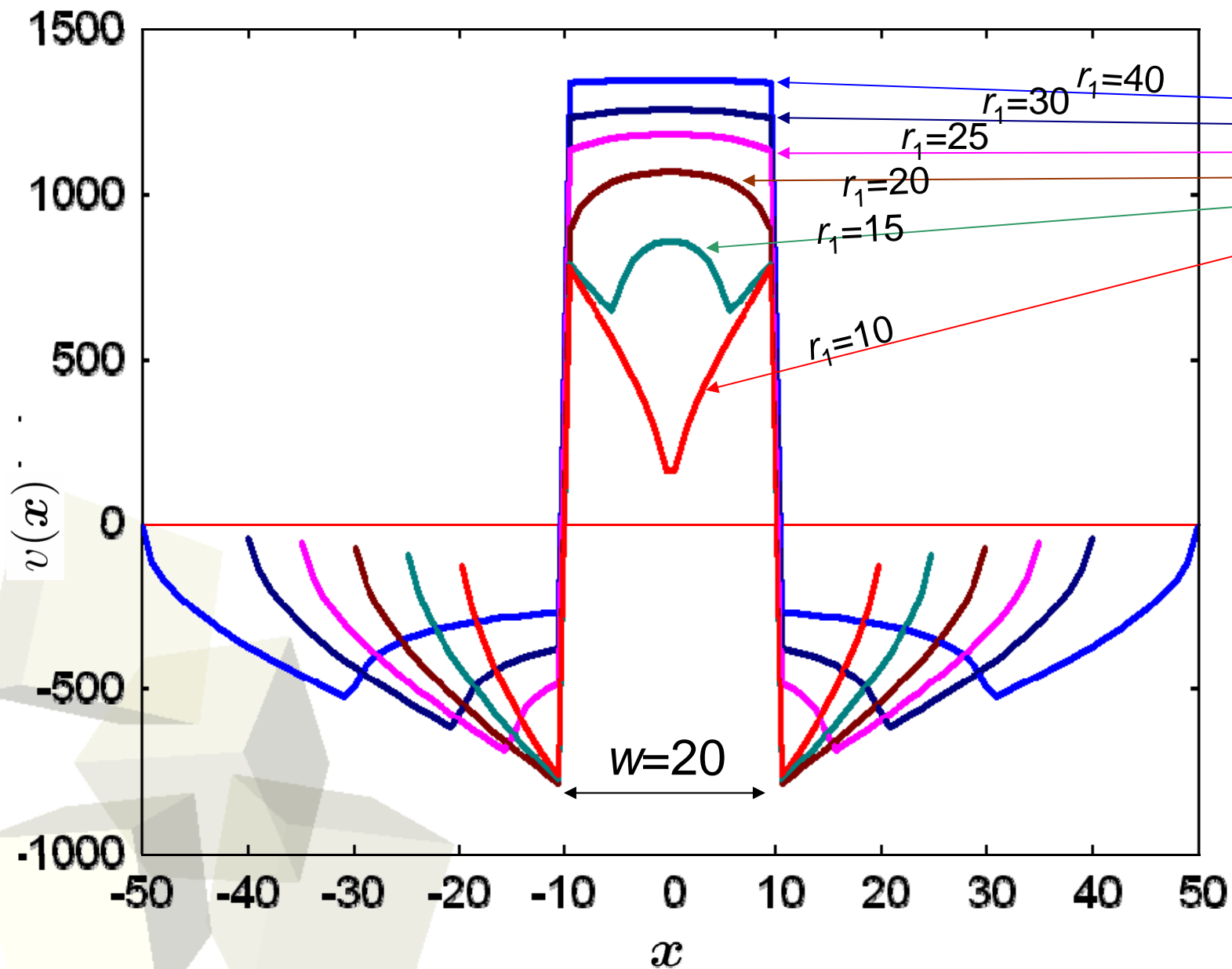


Circle Contrast as a spatial filter



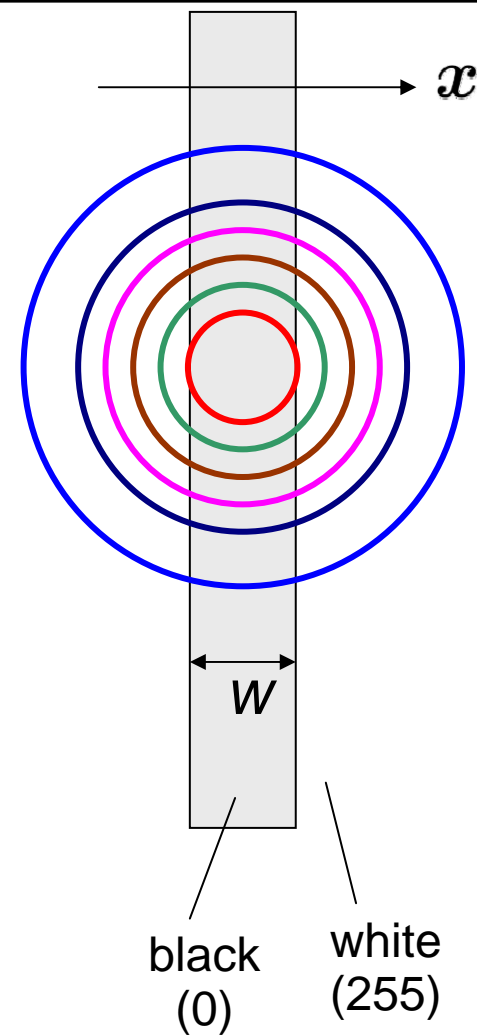
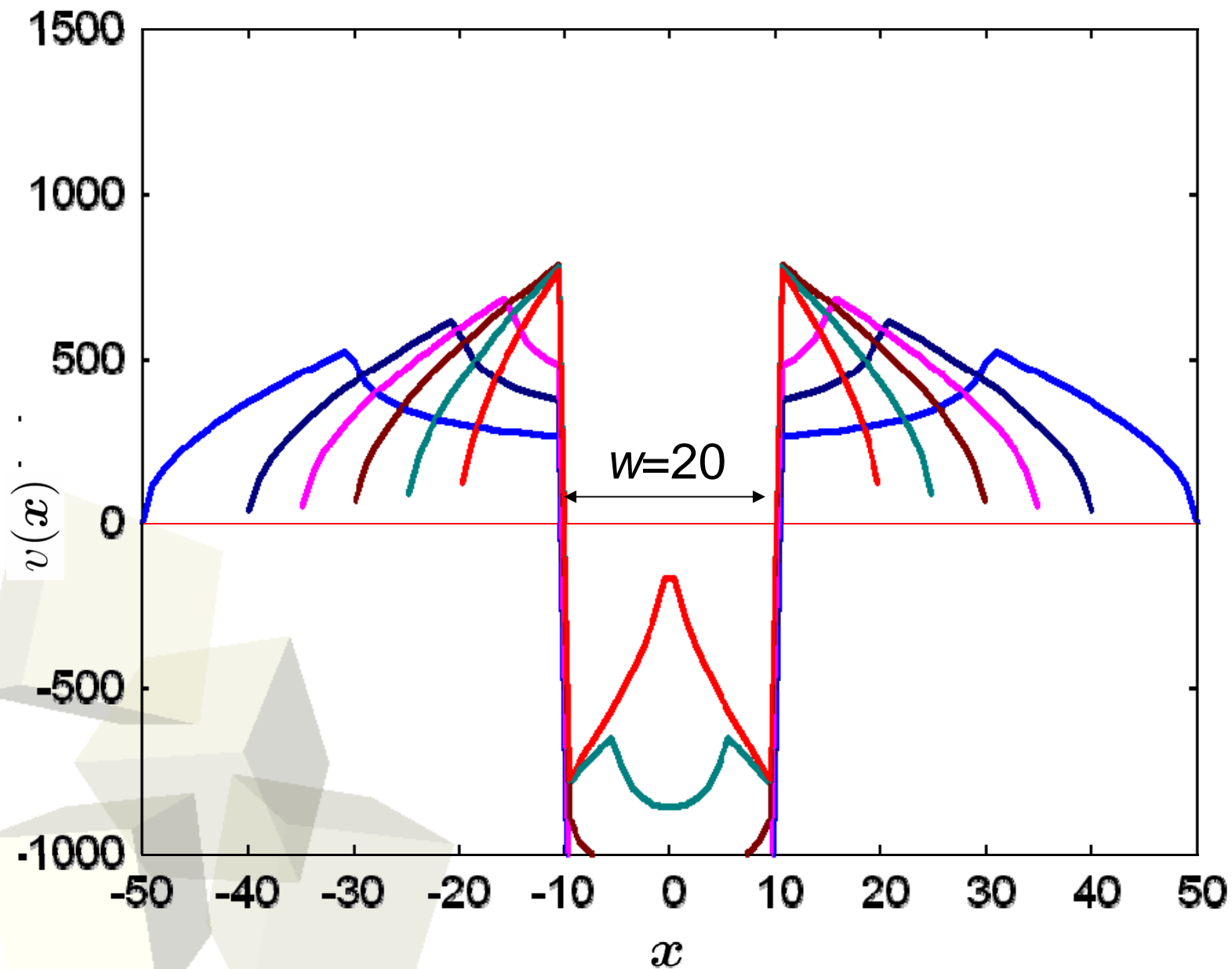


Response across the string



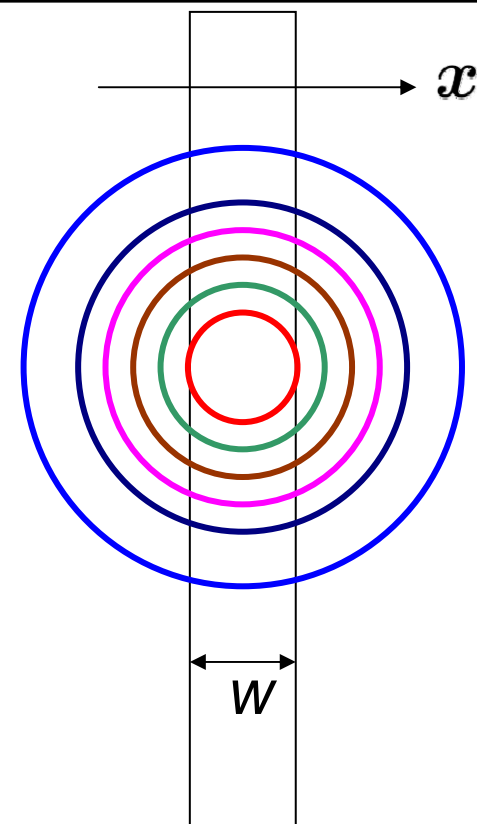
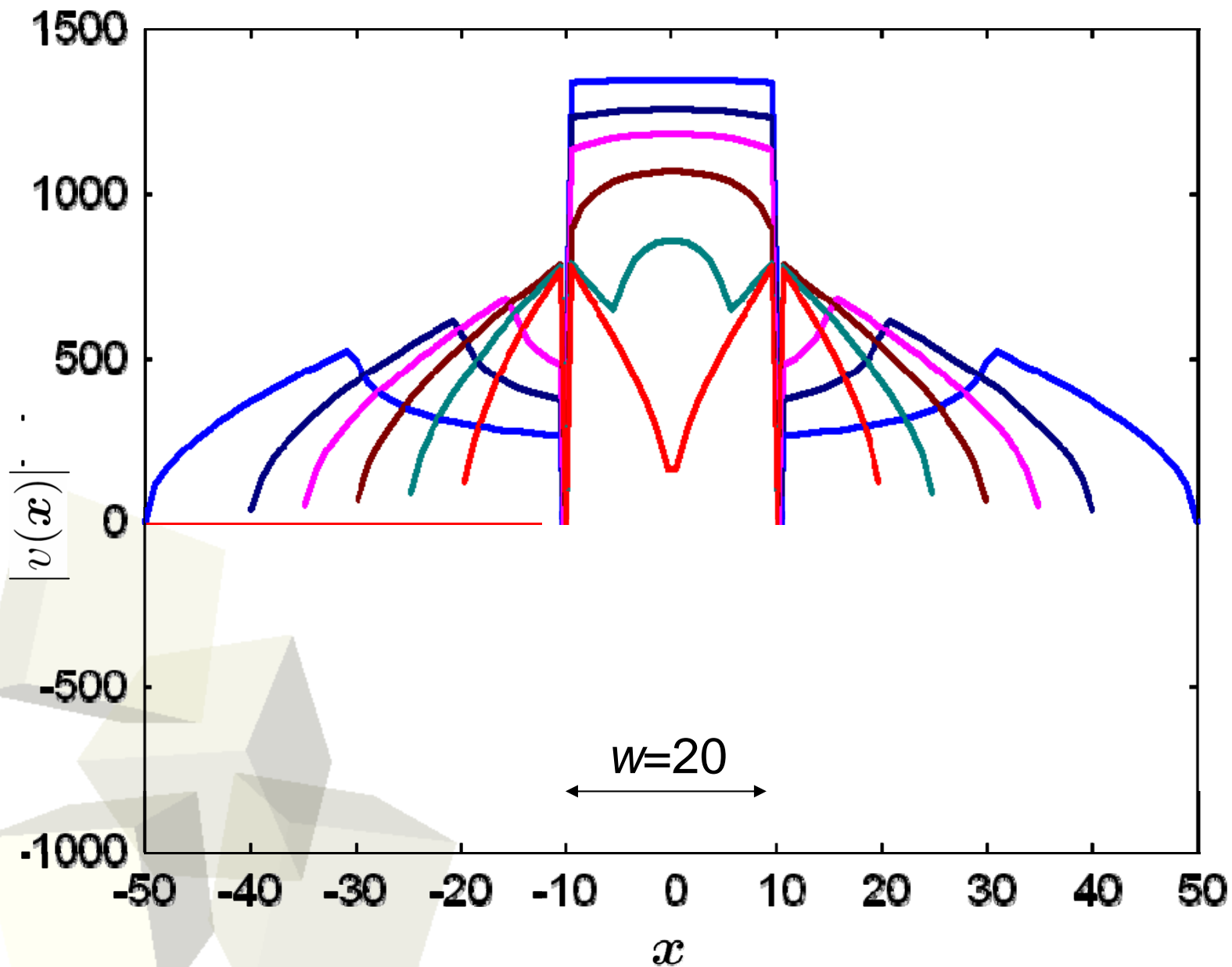


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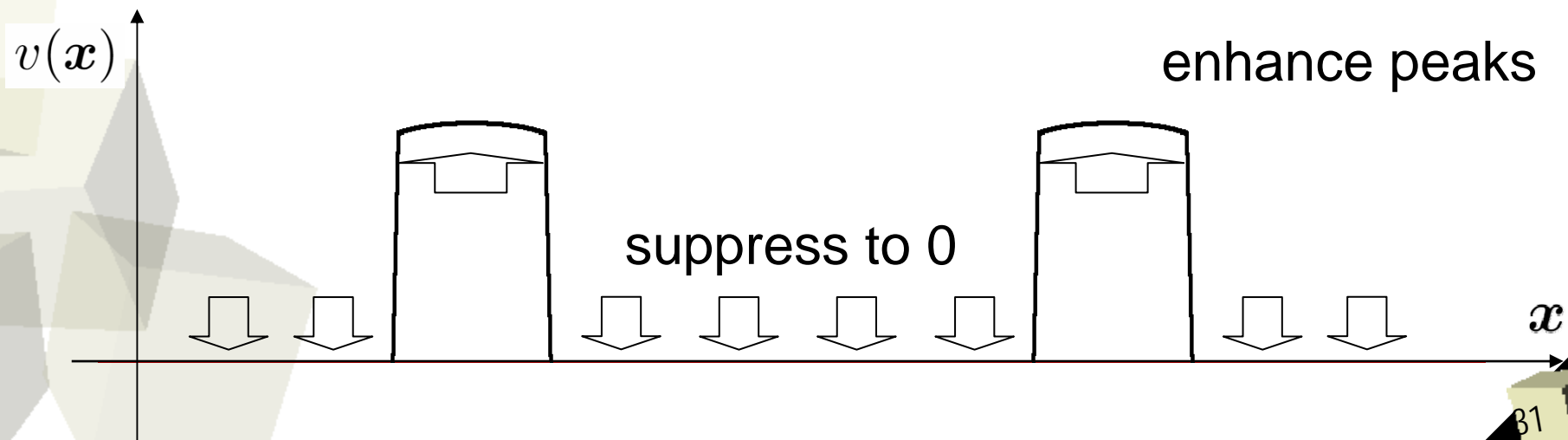
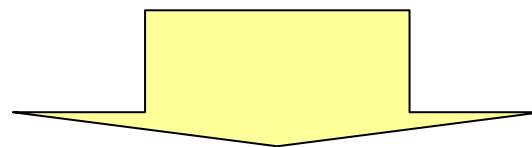
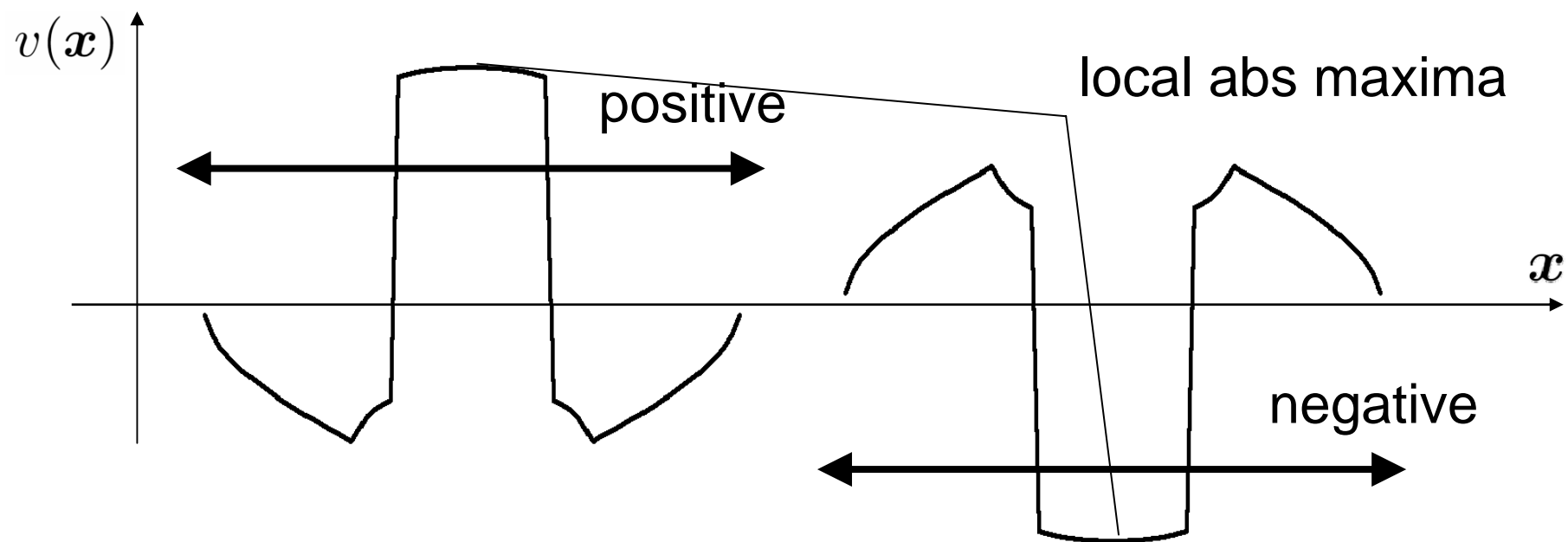


Response across the string





Absolute with locally largest value



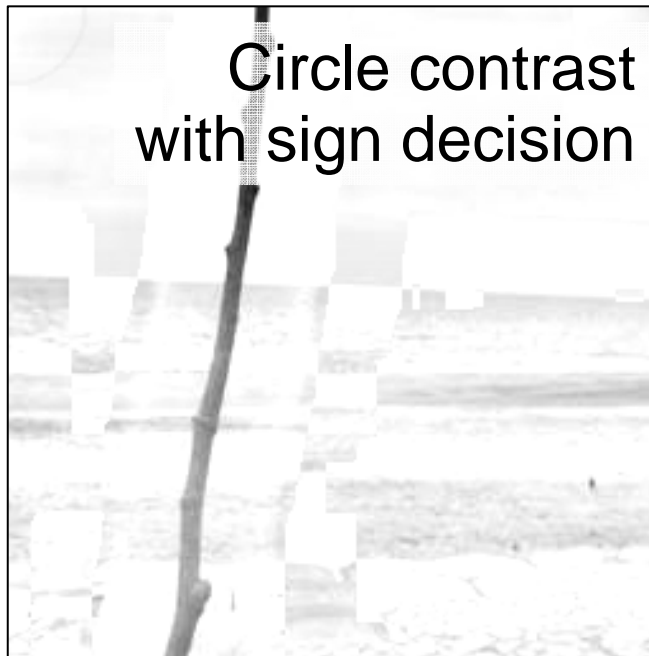


An example

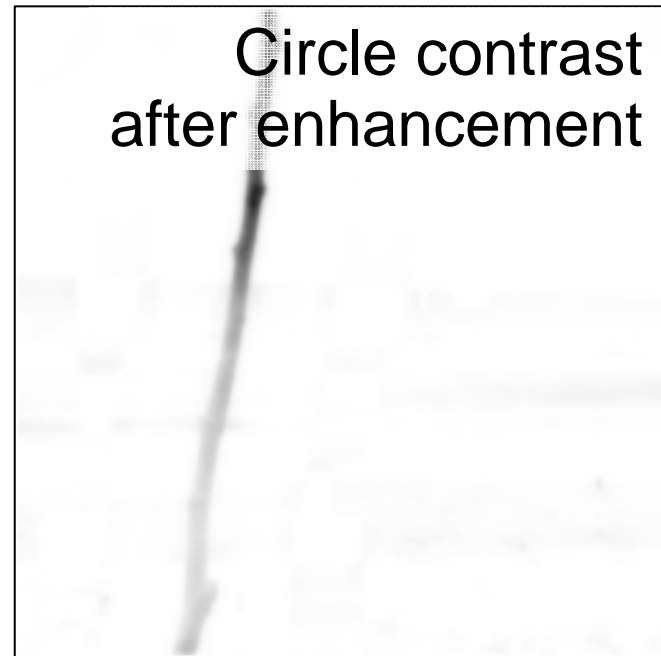
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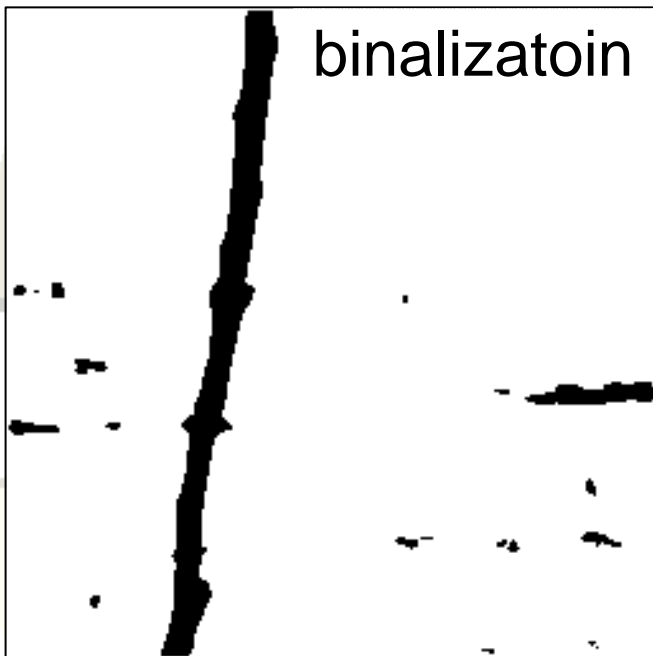
Circle contrast
with sign decision



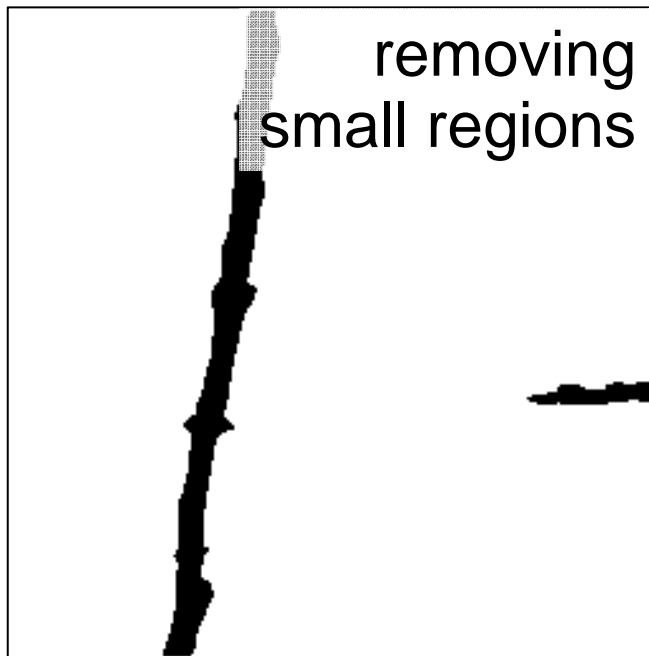
Circle contrast
after enhancement



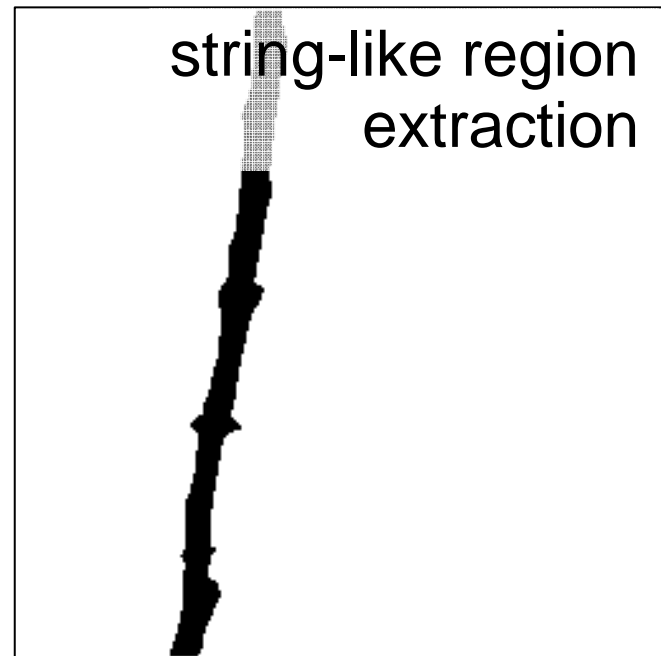
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removing
small regions

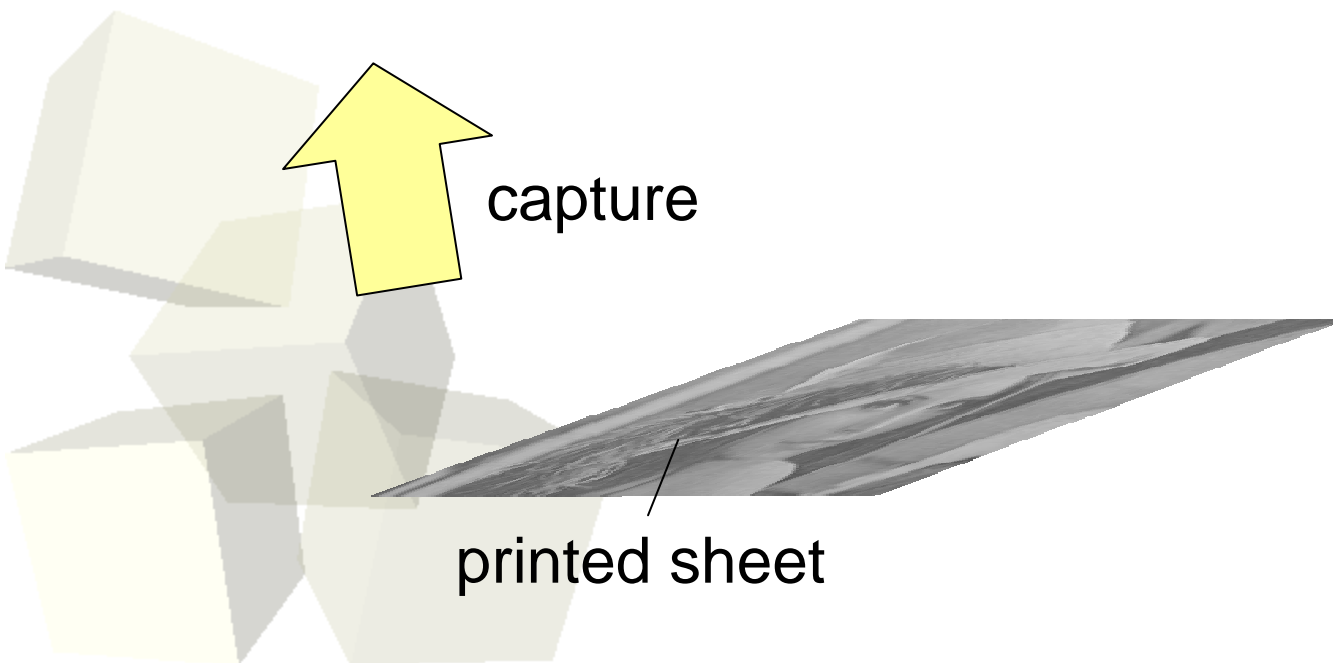
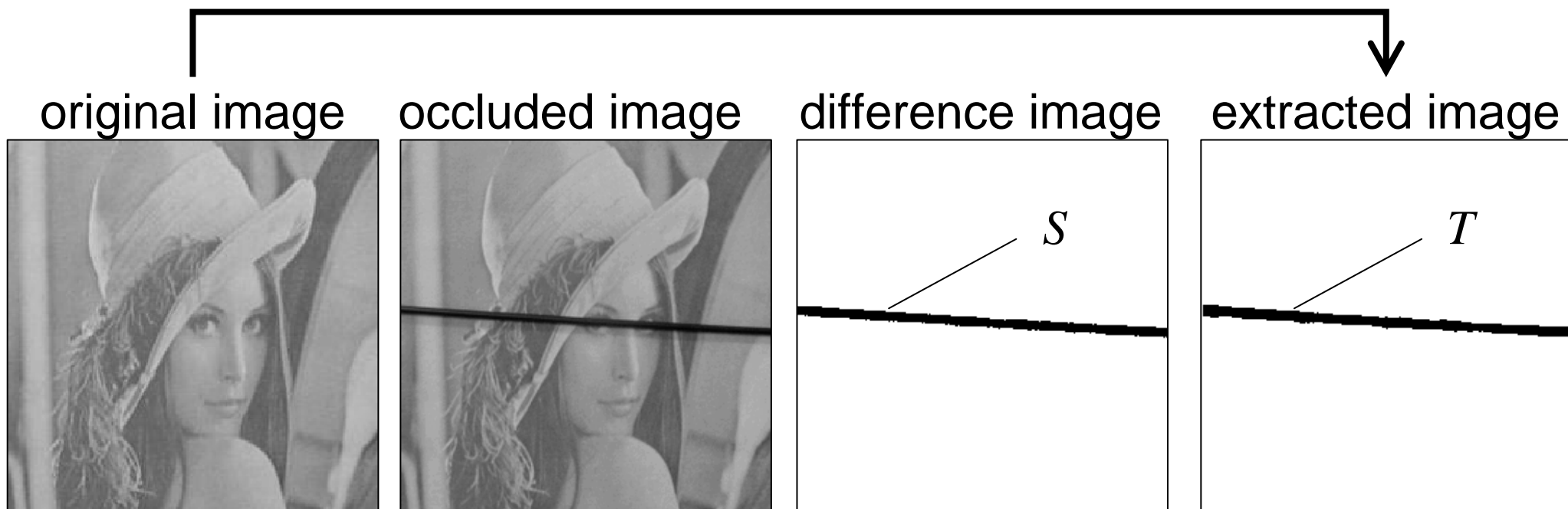


string-like region
extraction





Evaluation for Extraction



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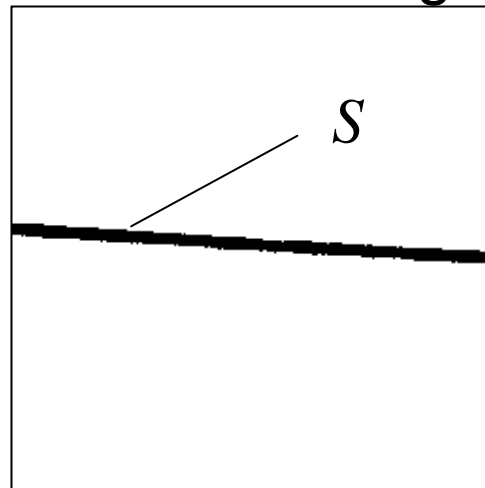
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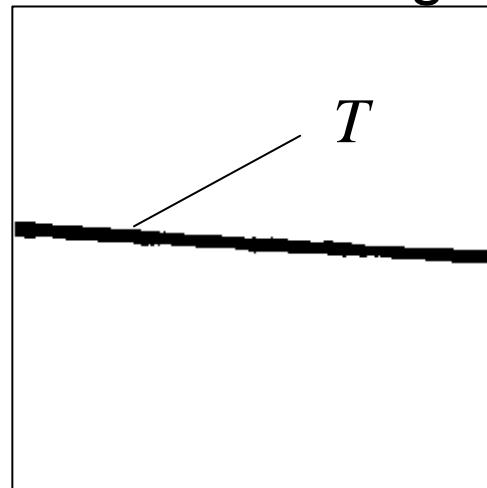
occluded image



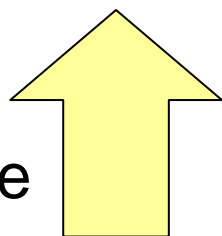
difference image



extracted image



capture



printed sheet

strings

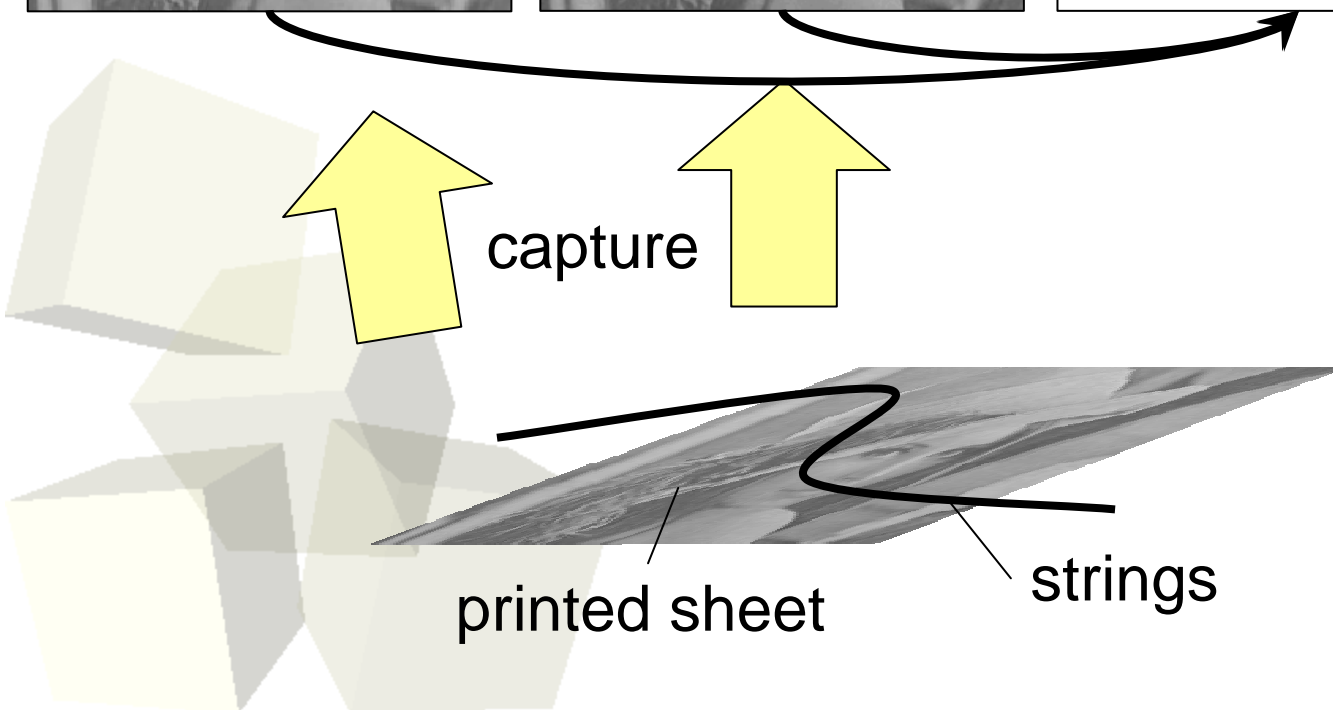
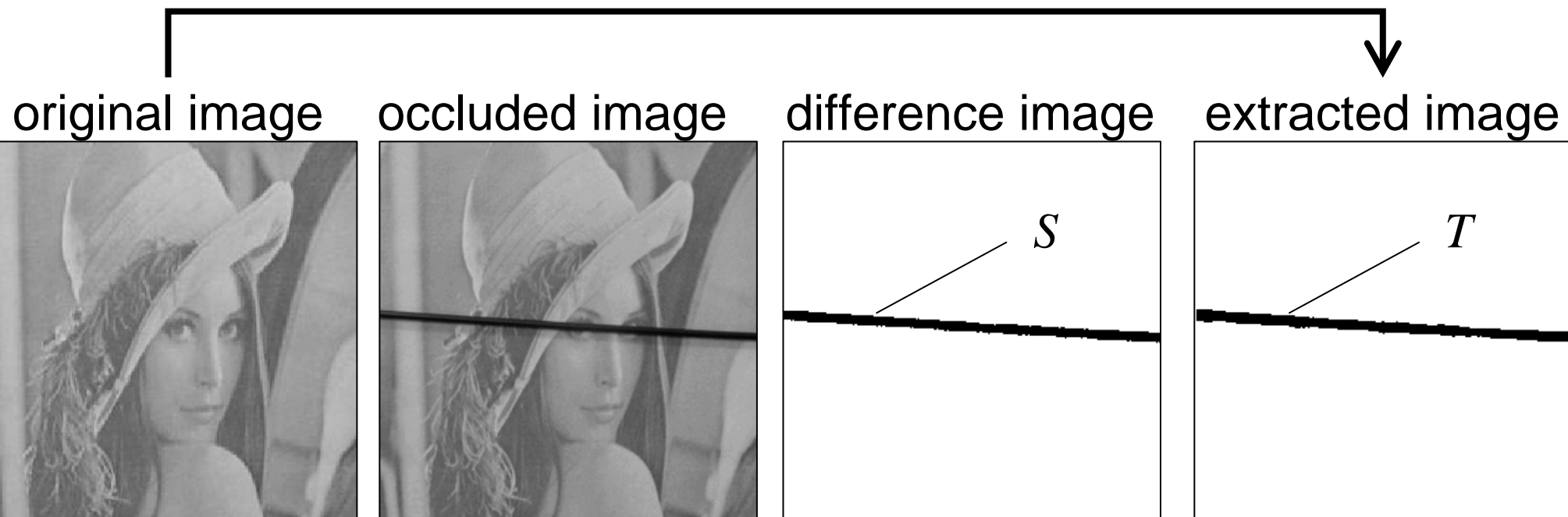


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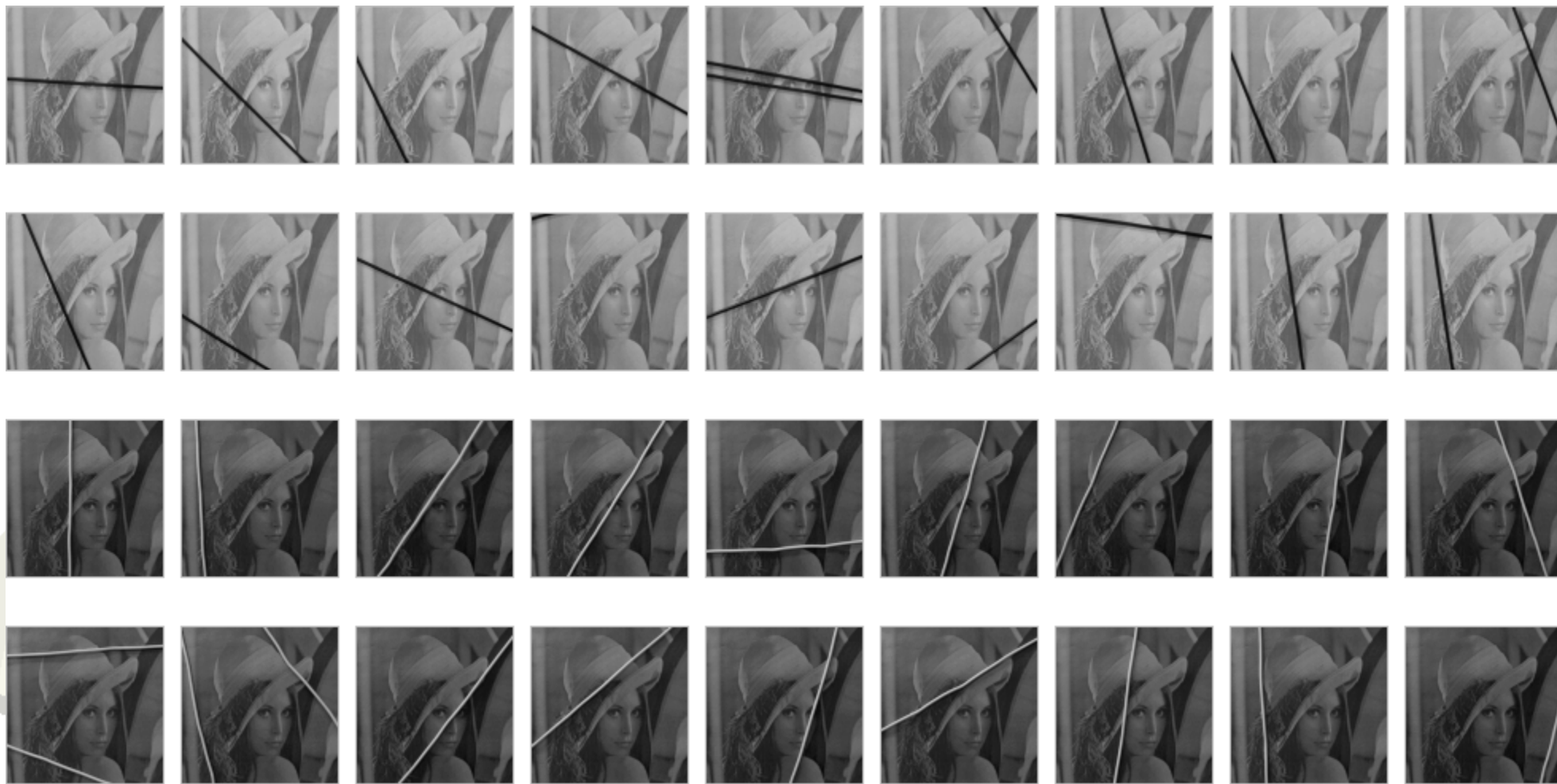


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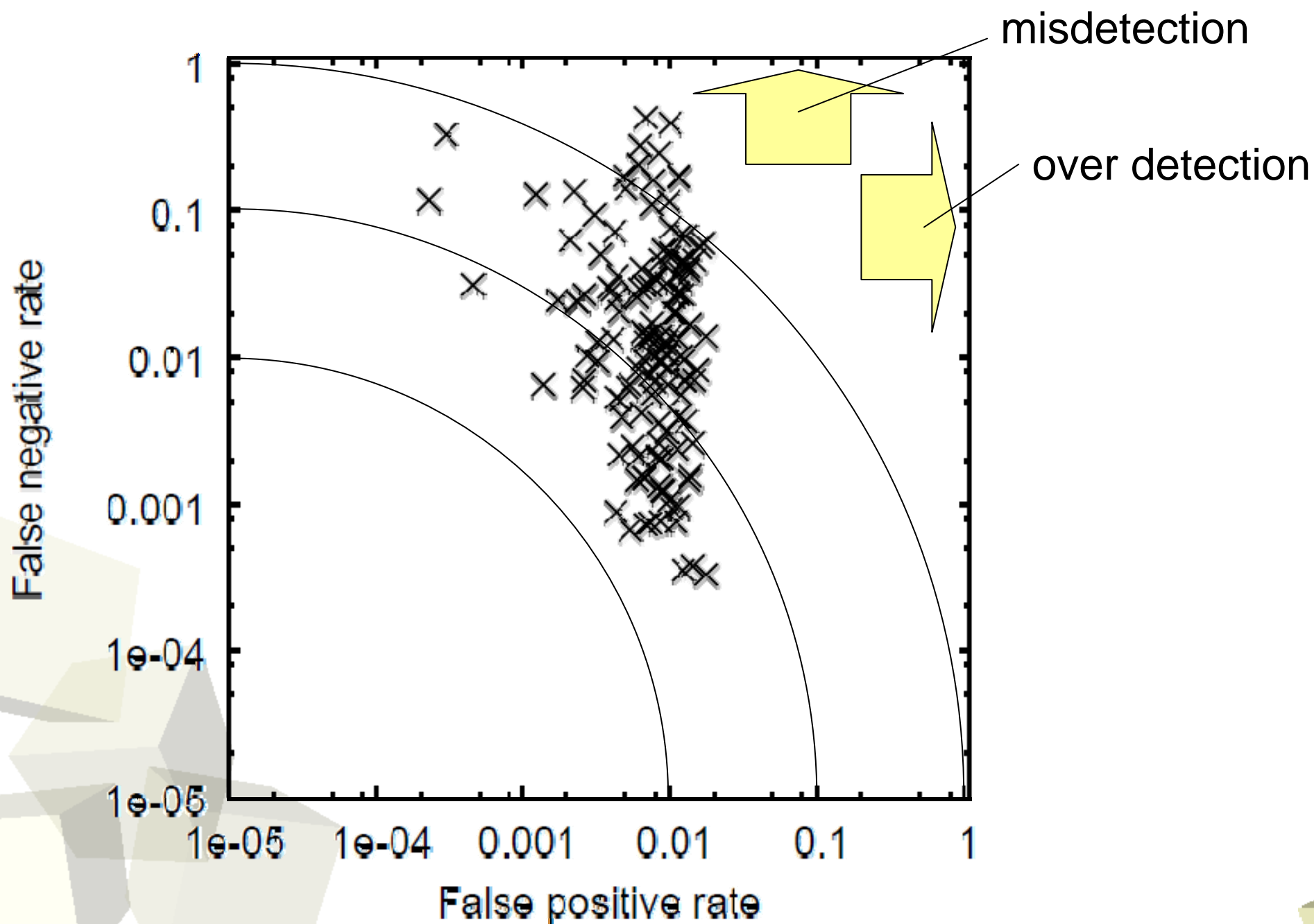
Images for Evaluation



Total: over 180 images



ROC Curve





Circle contrast as the radius changes

$w = 5$



$r_1=5$



$r_1=10$



$r_1=15$



$r_1=20$

appropriate parameter value:

$$r_1=3w$$

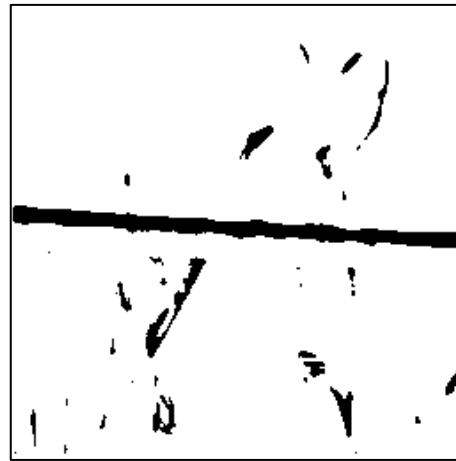
Binarization threshold of circle contrast

Threshold range: [0, 1]

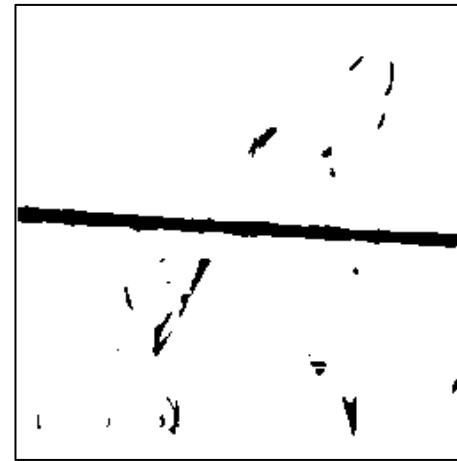
Results are very sensitive to threshold



$th=0.002$



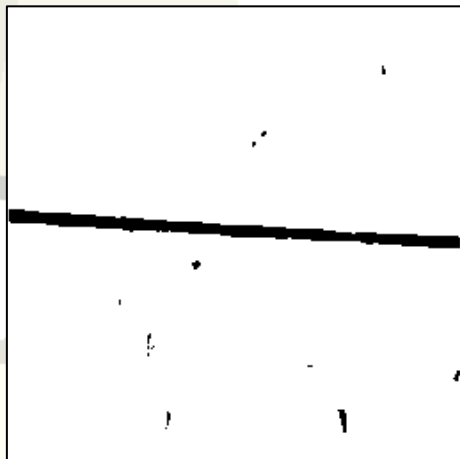
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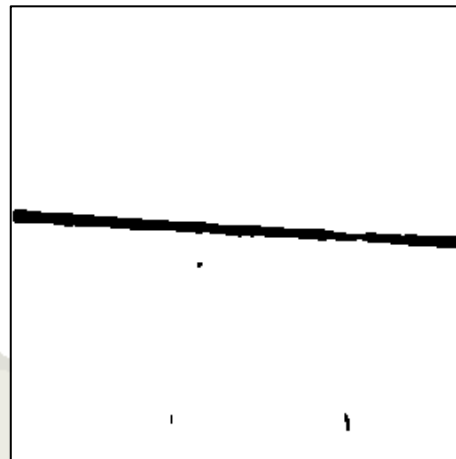
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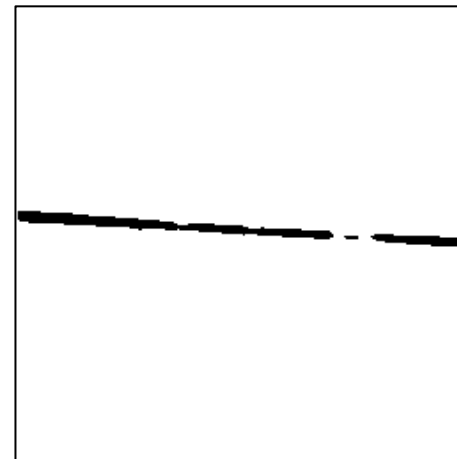
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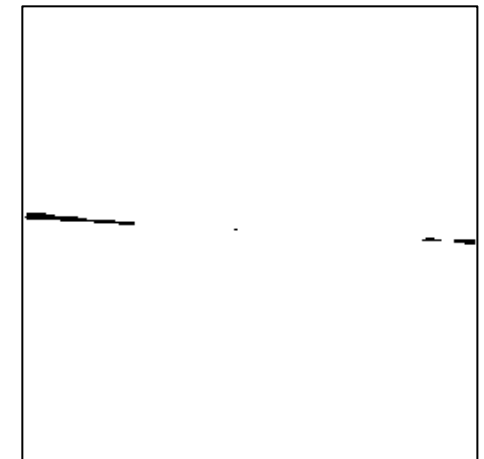
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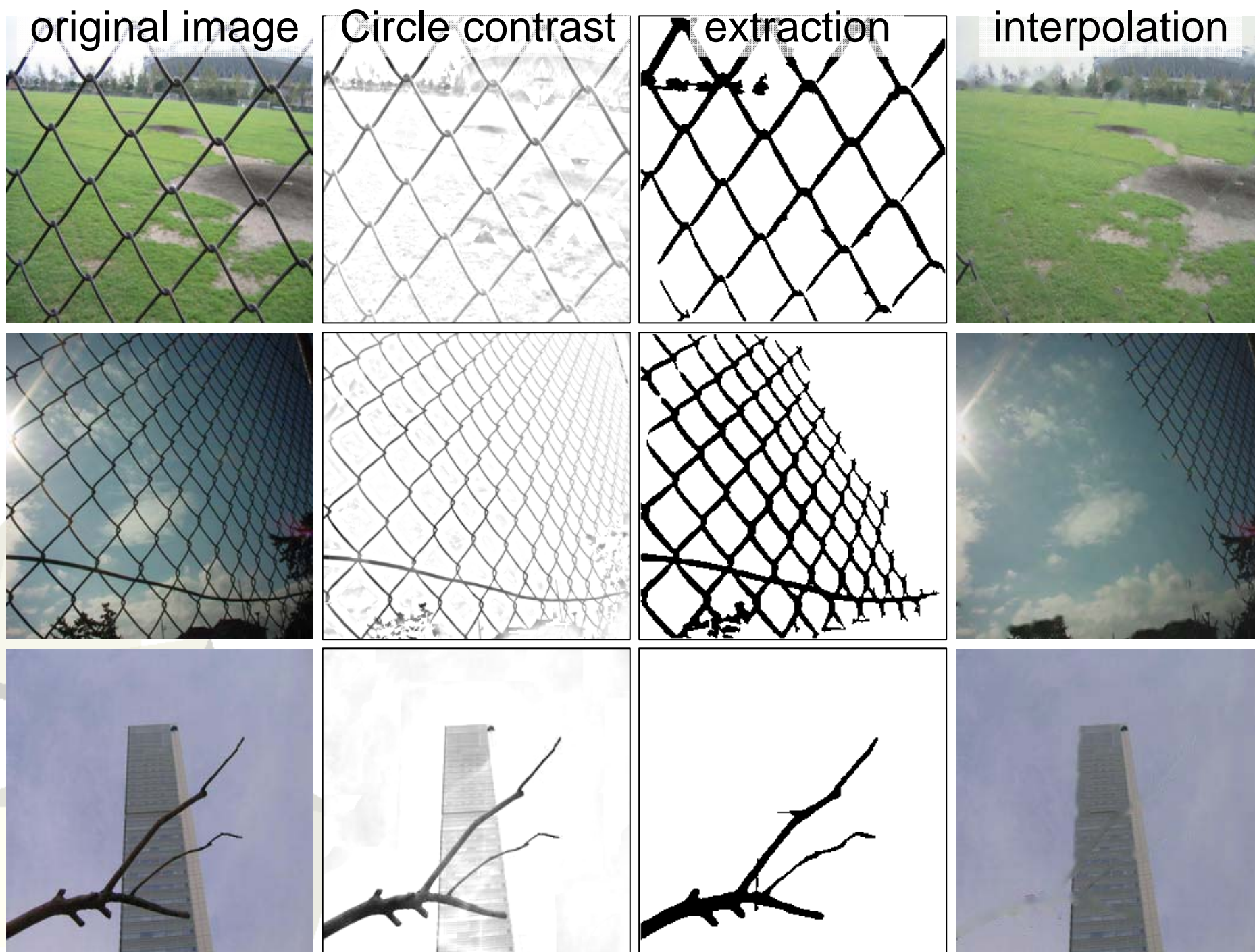
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$th=0.020$



Experimental results





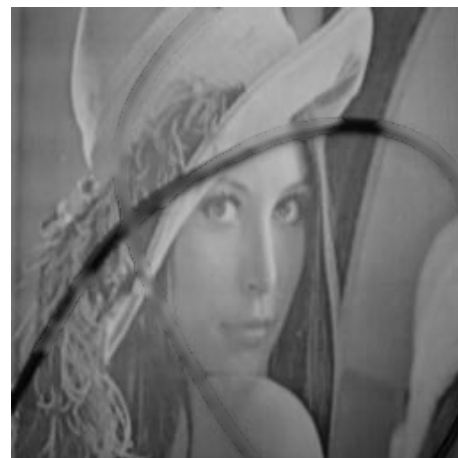
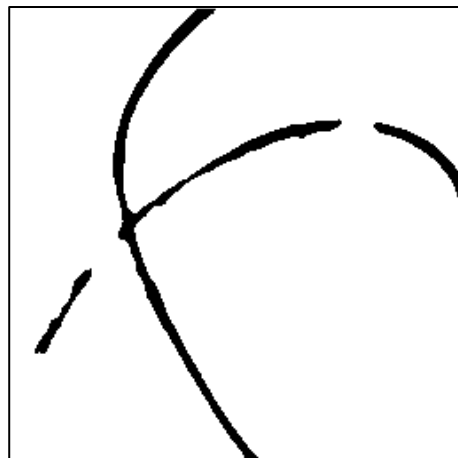
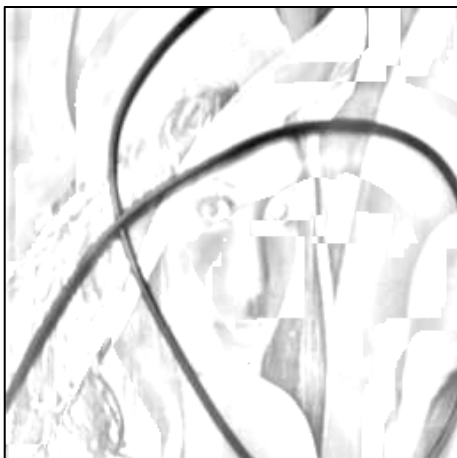
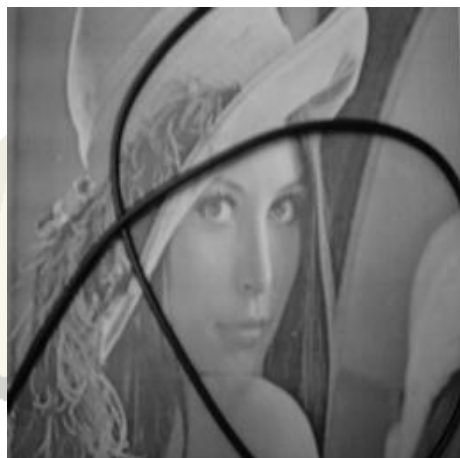
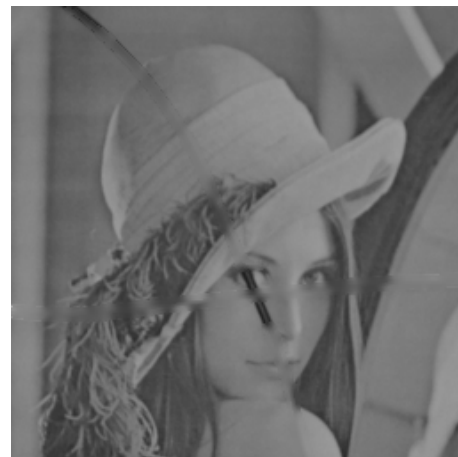
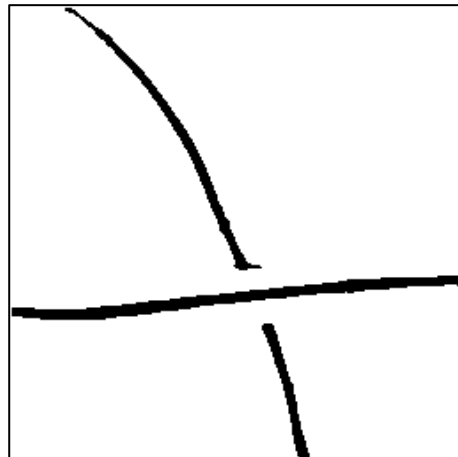
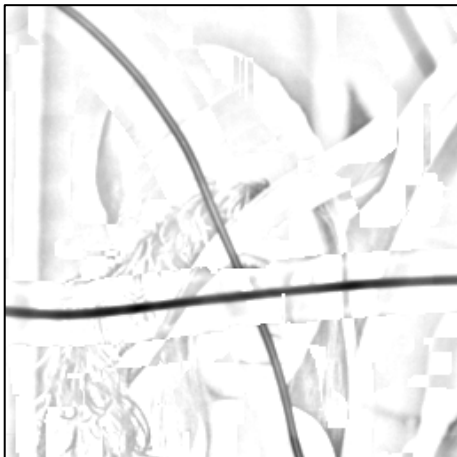
Experimental results

original image

Circle contrast

extraction

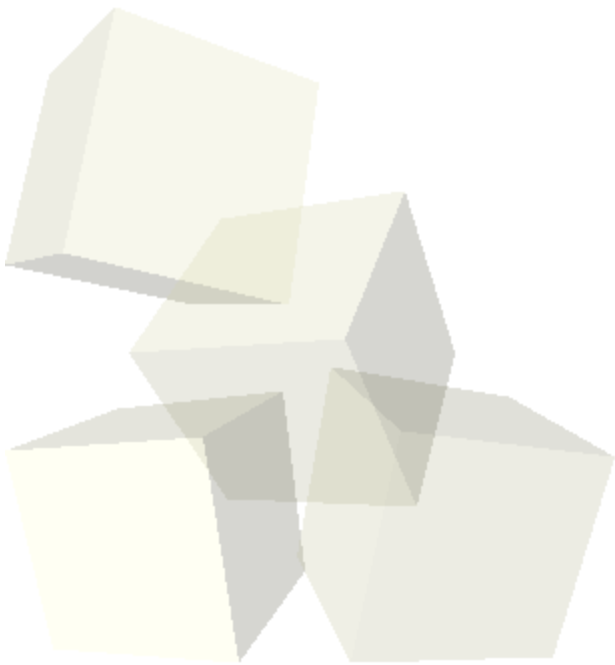
interpolation





■ Circle Contrast

- ◆ the circle radius r_1 by user is required
 - depends on images given
- ◆ sign determination is not enough
 - many artifacts
 - inappropriate decision at cross sections
- ◆ binarization threshold is the critical parameter





- String-like occluding object detection
 - ◆ proposed and analyzed the ***Circle Contrast***
 - simple model
 - good properties
 - needs parameter tuning
 - ◆ evaluated by experimental results with images
 - quantitatively with ROC curve
 - qualitatively as changing parameters
 - ◆ showed results images
 - with an simplest interpolation method
- Future works
 - ◆ make the circle contrast more robust
 - ◆ employ sophisticated binarization
 - ◆ consider color and texture